



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR MEDICAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

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IFMBE Student Development Award (IFMBE SDA) Charter

1. Title of the Award

The Award is called **IFMBE Student Development Award (IFMBE SDA)** and consists of a certificate and a monetary award that is sponsored by the IFMBE.

The SDA is presented in conjunction with the World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering (World Congress) and/or in conjunction with IFMBE sponsored regional conferences (IFMBE European MBE Conference, MEDICON, NBC, CLAIB, APCBME).

2. Rationale for the IFMBE SDA

This award was established to award to the best undergraduate student project presented at an IFMBE co-sponsored regional conference and to encourage undergraduate students and recent graduates to take part in IFMBE conferences and increase their activities through their national societies and national MBE events.

3. Criteria for applications and selection

The theme of the BME project is open. The project has to be an undergraduate project (without graduate participation) and the student shall present his/her project during a special session at the IFMBE Event in front of a Committee consisting of at least three judges. The IFMBE may require that the applicants write a full paper which shall be evaluated before the IFMBE Event starts and on basis of the evaluation, the finalists of this competition shall be selected.

The competition shall be announced on the web site of the IFMBE Event and on the IFMBE homepage.

The students shall submit a proof that they were undergraduates during their work on the project.

4. SDA Selection Committee

The SDA Selection Committee shall consist of at least three senior BME teachers. The Chair of the Committee shall be chosen among members of the BME Society which is hosting the IFMBE Event. The appointment of the Selection Committee is the responsibility of the IFMBE Event organizers. The names of the Selection Committee members shall be forwarded to the IFMBE Awards Committee Chair. Non of the members of the Selection Committee may be mentor of the applicant.

IFMBE prefers that the reviewers of the abstracts/papers and the judges of the presentations are the same teachers, but in case of inability of selection committee members to travel to the IFMBE Event, additional judges may be added at the event in order to make the selection.

5. Finalists and Awardee selection

The SDA Selection Committee selects up to 10 finalists based on abstracts or full papers submitted during the regular submission procedure of the IFMBE Event. The names of the SD competition finalists shall be announced timely, at least two months before the beginning of the Event.

The SD Awardee shall be selected by the SDA Selection Committee based on his/her presentations during a special session at the IFMBE Event in front of a Committee. The name of the Awardee shall be announced in a ceremonious way during the Closing Ceremony of the IFMBE Event.

The IFMBE may, encouraged by the SDA Selection Committee decide to present more than one SD Award.

The award winner(s) and finalists shall be obliged to send an abbreviated abstract for IFMBE Newsletter.

6. SDA Prize

The monetary price awarded to SDA Awardee by IFMBE is in the amount of 500 USD.

The Awardee shall cover the travel costs and the costs of stay during the presentation of the DSA. IFMBE will request the IFMBE Event organizers to waive the registration fee for the finalists of the SD competition.

The IFMBE Administrative Council will review the amount of the monetary award every three years.

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IFMBE Awards Committee Chair