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*Researcher Competition Rules,
Guidelines and Evaluation Criteria*



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1. Introduction

Transport Research Arena 2018 will be the third time that the TRA VISIONS Senior Researcher Competition is run. The competition recognises and celebrates leading researchers who are, or have recently been, contributing to surface transport EU-funded projects. Successful candidates will have to demonstrate excellence and proven impacts in their field of research.

This competition will provide a platform to further disseminate knowledge and results from research projects in Surface Transport, promoting future synergies and further development of innovative ideas, in line with the strategic objectives of the Transport Research Arena (TRA) stakeholders. The Senior Researcher Competition, also known as Champions of Research Competition, will act as a showcase for the very best EU-funded research and encourage the identification of current and future leaders in the field.

The competition will be promoted through the stakeholders in the consortium; national contact points; targeted contact co-ordinators; participants in EU-funded transport projects and the TRA conference itself.

2. Process

Entry to the competition can be by

- Submission of a technical paper/abstract to the TRA 2018 conference website (www.traconference.eu/).
- Submission of a recently published technical paper to the TRA VISIONS 2018 website (<http://www.travisions.eu/>).

Papers submitted to the TRA2018 conference will be checked for eligibility. To be eligible a paper must be technical in nature and relate to EU funded transport research. The authors of eligible papers will be asked to confirm if they wish their paper to be considered for the competition.

The normal conference paper review process will be used to identify the best technical papers to add to a long list to go forward to the next stage of the completion. A long list will be created for each of four categories.

1. Road
2. Rail
3. Waterborne
4. Cross Modal

Researchers who wish to use the direct entry route must first register on the TRA VISIONS 2018 website. Entries received via the TRA VISIONS 2018 website will be checked for eligibility. To be eligible a paper must be technical in nature and relate to EU funded transport research. It must be no more than 8 to 10 pages long, have previously been peer reviewed and published after 1st of

January 2016. These papers will be reviewed and ranked using similar criteria as for the conference. The top ranked papers from this entry route will be added to the long list.

It is expected that there will be 20-40 papers in each long list made up of entries from each entry route.

Authors of longlisted papers will be requested to provide additional information

- A statement of no more than 250 words describing the impact of the research described in the paper and how it is supported by EU funding.
- In the case of multi-author papers identify the individual who is the potential transport research “champion” – it is expected that this will be the project principal investigator and not necessarily the main author of the paper.
- Brief CV of the potential transport research “champion” which must include research track record and history of engagement with EU funded projects. 2 sides maximum
- Confirmation of any details as required by the competition organizers

Independent subject experts will evaluate the entries based on the evidence provided. Consideration will be given to

- amount and proportion of EU-funding (max 10 threshold 6)
- impact of research on national, EU and global levels (max 50 threshold 25)
- relevance to transport (max 10 threshold 6)
- quality of technical paper (max 10 threshold 6)*
- track record of potential transport research “champion” (max 20 threshold 10)

* All long listed papers should be of high quality hence low weighting at this stage

The output of this evaluation will be a short list of entries for each category that will go forward to the selection workshop. It is expected that each short list will have 3-5 entries. At the selection workshop a panel of experts will meet to select a winner for each mode.

3. Prizes and awards

Winners will be announced during the TRA VISIONS 2018 Conference and prizes will be presented at an award ceremony during the Conference. A winner will be selected in each mode; road, rail, waterborne and cross modal transport. Each winner will be presented with a trophy. Shortlisted entrants will receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement

4. Competition rules

1. Entry will either be via the TRA 2018 conference website (www.traconference.eu/) or directly to the TRA VISIONS 2018 website (<http://www.travisions.eu/>). Further instructions will be available online.
2. Entries must be based (wholly or in part) on research funded by the EU from Jan 2012 onwards. Research with a mix of EU and other funding is acceptable but if the EU contribution is small the submission may be given a lower weighting.
3. Previous winners are not eligible for the competition, but may still submit papers to the conference. Previous unsuccessful entrants including finalists are encouraged to re-enter the competition.
4. Entries directly to the TRA VISIONS website must be recently published (from 1 Jan 2016), peer reviewed papers that relate to transport research wholly or in part funded by the EU. The papers must be no longer than 8 sides. The entrants are responsible for any copyright issues.
5. Entrants must not be directly related or affiliated to the individuals participating in the TRA VISIONS 2018 (Project No 723037) consortium.
6. Multiple entries are permitted to a maximum of three per individual, if two or more are shortlisted for an individual only the highest scoring entry will be taken to the final selection workshop.
7. At their discretion the organisers may limit the number of entries but they will accept a minimum of 300 entries in total and 80 per mode for entry via the TRA 2018 conference and 120 in total and 40 per mode for entries directly to the TRA VISIONS website.
8. The deadline for entry to the Senior Researcher Competition on the TRA VISIONS website is 31 August 2017. The deadline for entry via the TRA 2018 conference is the first published paper submission deadline 15th September 2017. The judges reserve the right to amend these deadlines and consider papers after these deadlines.
9. Long listed entrants will be informed in good time and given at least four weeks to provide any additional material requested.
10. A winner will be selected in each mode; road, rail, waterborne and cross modal transport. Each winner will be presented with a trophy.
11. Winners will be required to attend the award ceremony at the TRA 2018 conference and give a short presentation (about 3 minutes) based on their EU funded research and its impact. In addition winners will be expected to cooperate in a timely manner with the competition organisers for reasonable requests for additional material to support the awards ceremony and publicity.
12. For the winners the organisers will provide a contribution towards reasonable accommodation and travel expenses to the TRA 2018 Conference in Vienna, Austria. This is conditional upon provision of receipts.

13. Winners are responsible for organizing their own accommodation and travel to and from the conference in Vienna.
14. Winners will be acknowledged on both the TRA VISIONS 2018 and the TRA 2018 conference websites and may be acknowledged on the websites of the project consortium members.
15. Shortlisted entrants will receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement
16. Entrants must comply with all rules to be eligible for the prizes, certificates and contributions towards their accommodation and travel expenses.
17. No responsibility is accepted for ineligible entries or entries made fraudulently.
18. Entrants will be deemed to have accepted these rules and to agree to be bound by them when entering this competition.
19. The competition organisers do not accept any responsibility for late or lost entries due to poor performance of the Internet – applicants are advised to apply as early as possible.
20. The Judges decision is final in every situation including any not covered above and no correspondence will be entered into.
21. The Judges and competition organisers reserve the right to have discretion regarding the rules.
22. The organisers reserve the right to cancel the competition at any stage, if deemed necessary in their opinion, and if circumstances arise outside of their control. In such circumstances, no costs will be refunded.
23. The organisers reserve the right not to award a prize in one or more categories in the unlikely event that the Judges decide that no entry is of sufficient standard.

5. Further Information

For further information, please visit www.travisions.eu where you will be able to find a link to the TRA Visions Senior Researcher competition, frequently asked questions and research area specific information. Alternatively you can contact the TRA VISIONS 2018 Senior Researcher Competition organiser Prof Alistair Greig at a.greig@ucl.ac.uk.

Appendix I: TRA VISIONS-2018 Senior Researcher Competition Indicative Timeline

