The 2019 UK Young Professionals Awards (YPA): Rules

Scope:
The UK YPA is for the best 8-minute oral presentation of a ‘qualifying’ entrant’s research and/or development work in radiation protection in any field, including operational, at the SRP Annual Conference in Scarborough in May 2019.

Entry:
Entrants will typically be within the first 10 years of their radiation protection career. They must complete the application form and return it to the SRP Administrative Office before the deadline. For the 2019 award this is 28th February 2019. Part of the entry form requires entrants to submit an ‘abstract’ summary of their proposed submission and successful applicants will be notified by 8th April 2019 as to whether or not their entry has been accepted.

PowerPoint slides to be used in the presentation and an updated summary (as appropriate) must be provided no later than three weeks before the meeting at which the presentation is to be given.

Conditions:
Entrants must give consent to allow their name and photograph in relation to the UK YPA to be used for SRP publications as well as publication of presentation slides and/or presentation summary.

Eligibility & exclusions:
Entrants must have some form of SRP membership or corresponding membership of one of the SRP’s Partner Societies. These are: IPEM, AURPO, BNMS, BIR, RCR and SCoR.

A panel of judges will be convened that includes members of SRP Partner Societies. The judges’ decision on eligibility and acceptability of an abstract for presentation as part of the UK YPA will be final.

Each SRP Annual Conference will only be able to accept up to 10 UK YPA presentations. If more entries are received than slots available at the event, the judges shall decide which presentations shall be given in a first round of judging. The first round decision will be solely made on the basis of the abstract of the presentation provided on the entry form.
**Award:**

This will be: Part 1 – £500 and a prize certificate.

Part 2 – the SRP YPA winner of 2019 will be invited to give a presentation at the IRPA 15 Conference in South Korea in May 2020 – with travel, accommodation and registration fees paid².

**Payment:**

Part 1 of the prize will normally be presented as a cheque from the SRP at the Annual Conference Dinner or at some other convenient opportunity during the event.

**Criteria:**

The best presentation will be determined by a scoring scheme based on the IRPA Young Scientists and Professionals Award. All the judges will attend every presentation at the annual event and their individual scores will be tallied by the head judge.

The membership of the judging panel and the scoring scheme will be available to entrants prior to the event upon request.

**Final decision:**

The judges’ decision as to the winner of the UK YPA will be final.

**Notes:**

1. IRPA defines ‘Young’ as “Persons in the first 10 years of their careers in radiation protection. Such definition implies that young professionals will only exceed the mid-30s age in exceptional circumstances.”

2. To present at IRPA 15 in 2020, the UK candidate will have to meet the eligibility and acceptability rules of the IRPA Young Scientists and Professionals Award at the time of submission of an entry for that award.

3. Entrants of previous UK YPA competitions are welcome to enter again for the 2019 YPA. However, in addition to the other eligibility criteria, they must only submit work which has not been presented before at any other UK YPA competition.