KES Conference Awards

KES International is pleased to make a number of awards at each annual conference for contributions showing outstanding merit and deserving recognition. The awards will be allocated by a panel of senior KES members chaired by a member of the KES Executive. The winner of each award will be given a letter of commendation and free registration to the next annual KES conference.

Best Paper Award

The Best Paper Award is given for the paper judged to make the most significant contribution to the conference.

The judges may make their assessment based on the papers contained in the proceedings, not on the oral or poster presentation of the papers. However, for a paper to gain this award one of the authors must have attended the conference and presented the paper.

In making their decision the judges will take the following criteria into account :-
- Quality of the research and results presented;
- A clear application (or potential application) and relevance of the work;
- Quality of the written presentation, freedom from errors, good English;
- Validity of the conclusions.

Best Student Paper Award

The Best Student Paper Award is given for the paper judged to make the most significant contribution to the conference, where the main author is a research student.

The judges may make their assessment based on the papers contained in the proceedings, not on the oral or poster presentation of the papers. However, for a paper to gain this award one of the authors must have attended the conference and presented the paper.

In making their decision the judges may take the following criteria into account :-
- Quality of the research and results presented;
- A clear application (or potential application) and relevance of the work;
- Quality of the written presentation, freedom from errors, good English;
- Validity of the conclusions.
**Best Poster Award**

The Best Poster Award is given for the poster judged to make the most significant contribution to the conference. The judges will make their assessment based on the poster as presented at the conference.

In making their decision the judges may take the following criteria into account:
- Use of the poster as a medium for communication;
- Quality of the poster presentation, freedom from errors, good English;
- Quality of the research and results presented;
- A clear application (or potential application) for the research and relevance of the work;
- Validity of the conclusions;
- The presenting author’s response to questions.

**Invited Session Award**

This award is presented to the chair of the Invited Session judged to have made the contribution with the highest impact at the conference.

To achieve this award the Invited Session chair shall normally have attended the conference and chaired the session.

In making their assessment the judges will take the following criteria into account:
- Relevance and significance of the topic of the session;
- The number of papers in the session;
- The quality of papers in the session;
- The attendance by authors at the conference and the session and the absence of no-shows.

**Judges' Decision**

The judges decision is final and they will not enter into any discussion about their findings.