

Best Poster Award and Bruker Customer Excellence Award Guidelines

Eligibility:

All young scientists, including Ph.D. students and postdocs up to 7 years after graduation, who have submitted a poster abstract accepted for presentation at the International Conference on Molecular Spectroscopy (ICMS2024), are eligible for the **Best Poster Award**.

The **Bruker Customer Excellence Award** is exclusively for users of Bruker Optics spectroscopy products or services (such as FT-IR, FT-NIR, Raman, Gas spectrometers, FT-IR microscopy, remote sensing, silicon analysis, etc.). To qualify, information about being a Bruker user must be included during the abstract submission process.

Judging Criteria:

Posters will be evaluated based on:

- Scientific content
- Clarity of presentation
- Visual appeal
- The presenter's ability to effectively communicate their research.

Judging Panel:

A panel of 5 expert judges, consisting of renowned spectroscopists and scientists in related fields, will evaluate the posters.

Separate committees will assess each award category.

Judging Process:

Judges will review the posters during designated sessions.

Presenters are encouraged to be present at their posters to answer questions and provide clarification.

Scoring:

Judges will assign scores based on predetermined criteria, including:

Originality (1 – 10)

Methodology (1 – 10)

Significance of results (1 – 10)

Overall presentation (1 – 10).

All conversations with committee members must be conducted in English.

Announcement and Prize:

Winners of both awards will be announced during the ICMS2024 closing ceremony.

Both winners will receive:

- A statue
- A certificate of recognition
- Acknowledgment of their achievement on the conference platform and Bruker's website, providing an opportunity to promote their research via Bruker's social media.

Best Poster Award Winner:

- Subsidy or full payment to max. 1000,00 EUR (with taxes) for conference registration fees related to spectral analysis

Bruker Customer Excellence Award Winner:

- Subsidy or full payment to max. 800,00 EUR (with taxes) for conference registration fees related to spectral analysis
- Exclusive online training with a Bruker specialist on any selected FT-IR topic (valued at €520, valid for 2 years)
- An invitation to Bruker Optics headquarters in Ettlingen, Germany, including visit to application and development laboratories with the possibility to perform measurements on their own samples (technical details discussed in advance), tours of production and logistic facilities (Bruker Optics covers the cost of the visit; transport and accommodation are not included; Bruker Optics is not responsible for Visa)

The prerequisite of subsidy or full payment of conference registration fee is the delivery of a properly issued invoice to Bruker Polska Sp. z o.o., ul. Budziszynska 69, 60-179 Poznań, VAT: 779-223-24-38 described for the winner's participation in the selected scientific conference. The invoice must be issued in PLN/EUR/USD. The conference must take place till 31.12.2025.

Fairness and Transparency:

The judging process will be conducted with fairness and transparency. Any conflicts of interest among judges and presenters will be disclosed and appropriately managed to ensure impartiality.

Discretion of Organizers:

The organizing committee reserves the right to modify the rules, judging criteria, or any other aspect of both awards as deemed necessary to ensure the integrity and success of the ICMS2024.

Organizing Committee:

ICMS2024:

Marek Drozd
Anna Łukowiak
Maciej Ptak

Bruker:

Wojciech Kaźmierski (Bruker Polska Sp. z o.o.)
Karolina Haupa (Bruker Optics GmbH & Co. KG)
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