

Regulation of the competition for the best oral presentation delivered by students during the XIX International Conference on Optics of Excitons in Confined Systems (OECS'19).

The present Regulations define rules and procedures for granting award for the best oral presentation delivered by students during the XIX International Conference on Optics of Excitons in Confined Systems (OECS'19) conference which will be held on July 14-18, 2025 in Warsaw.

§ 1 Definitions

The terms used in the present Regulations are defined below unless a different meaning is readily apparent based on the content of the Regulations:

1. **Author** – the person who authored or co-authored the presentation and who presents it during the Event,
2. **Foundation E-mail address** – the e-mail address: events@candela.org.pl
3. **Committee** – the group, established by the Chair of the Committee that participates in the evaluation and analysis of presentations. The list of Committee members will be available available on the Event website after the Event.
4. **Competition** – the competition held by the Candela Foundation governed by rules set forth in the present Regulations,
5. **Foundation** or **Candela Foundation** – the Candela Foundation with its seat in Warsaw (03-822), ul. Grochowska 357/513, listed in the National Register of Associations, Other Social and Professional Organizations, Foundations and Public Health Care Units, under KRS number: 0000885495 and the Tax Identification Number: 1133028363 and the National Official Register of Business Entities (REGON): 388293056.
6. **Prize** – the monetary prize awarded for winning the Competition, paid via wire transfer to the bank account provided by the Laureate,
7. **Regulations** – the present Regulations,
8. **Event Website** – the Event website available at oecs19.pl,
9. **Participant** – a natural person taking part in the Competition who meets the requirements stipulated in § 2.
10. **Event** – the XIX International Conference on Optics of Excitons in Confined Systems (OECS'19) conference, which will take place on July 14-18, 2025, at Conference Centre of the Copernicus Science Centre, located at Wybrzeże Kościuszkowskie 20 in Warsaw (00-390).
11. **Laureate** – the person who, based on the minutes protocoling the Committee's work, receives the Prize on the basis of the Regulations.

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§ 2 The Competition

1. The Competition is organized by the Candela Foundation.
2. The Competition will take place during the Event.
3. Participants may be adults who are:
 1. of legal age, and
 2. registered to actively take part in the Event, and
 3. Authors, and
 4. have the student status.
4. To take part in the competition, Participants must accept the terms of the Competition Regulations and send in their submissions no later than July 14, 2025.
5. Participating in the Competition is free of charge.

§ 3 The Committee

1. Barbara Piętka is the Chair of the Committee.
2. The Chair of the Committee is responsible for:
 1. Appointing other members of the Committee,
 2. Organizing the Committee's work.
3. The full list of Committee members will be available on the Event Website after the Event.
4. The Committee evaluates the posters presented during the poster segment of the Event.
5. The Committee's decisions are final and not subject to any appeal procedure.
6. The Committee evaluates the posters according to the following criteria:
 1. Originality of the work;
 2. Methods of problem presentation and solution;
 3. Visual aspects and clarity of the poster.

§ 4 Prizes

1. As part of the Competition, one monetary prizes shall be awarded in the amount of **800 (say: eight hundred)** PLN gross.
2. The Prizes will be awarded based on the minutes protocoling the Committee's work, which will recommend awarding the Prizes to specific Participants. The Chair of the Committee and the Foundation Board Member approve the protocol by signing it.
3. Each winner of the Competition will be informed of the conditions for collecting their Prize immediately after it is awarded, no later than on the day the Event concludes.
4. The Prize will be paid in PLN by wire transfer until August 31, 2025 after a completed tax statement is sent to the Organizer's E-mail address.
5. The Prize will be reduced by:
 1. the amount of an advance personal income tax, as well as by the social security contribution, should their collection be required by regulations in effect on the date of the payment of the Prize, and
 2. wire transfer fees.

§ 5 Liability

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The Foundation shall not be liable for the content presented on the posters. The sole responsibility rests with the person submitting the poster.

§ 6 Final Provisions

1. The Foundation reserves the right to:
 1. Cancel the Competition,
 2. Introduce changes to the Regulations,
 3. Exclude from the Competition any person who violates any terms of these Regulations or the Event Regulations, and, in particular:
 - A. Perform actions that are against the law, principles of good conduct or harmful to the justified interests of third parties,
 - B. Perform actions intent on or indicating an attempt to circumvent the Event Regulations or the terms for the organization of the Event,
 - C. Perform actions that violate the established interests of the Foundation or which are harmful to its image.
2. In the event of disputes with a Participant, the court having jurisdiction for their resolution will be the court having jurisdiction over the Foundation's seat.
3. When the court having jurisdiction affirms the invalidity of some of the Regulations' provisions, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and will, in such a case, remain in force.
4. The Foundation President is responsible for making decisions in matters not governed by the Competition Regulations and interpreting the provisions of the Regulations.
5. In regard to matters not governed by these Regulations, the relevant provisions of the Polish law shall apply.

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