

**XIII WORLD BUFFALO CONGRESS
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STUDENT COMPETITION AND AWARDS

YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

Graduate students (Candidates for master's and doctoral degrees) are encouraged to submit their abstracts to the Young Scientist Award, which must be declared at the moment of the work's registration. Based on the scientific quality, relevance, and importance, six submissions between the oral presentations category will be selected to compete for the Young Scientist Award. The experimental data presented in the abstract must be original and must have been collected during the student's degree program. The applicant joining the competition must have been a student at some point during the calendar year immediately prior to the meeting for that competition. An individual student will be allowed to enter only one abstract into the competition, and such a student must be the first author.

The Scientific committee will judge the quality of the abstract, and six Young Scientists will be chosen as a finalist, who shall present the paper as an oral presentation (5 minutes + 5 minutes for discussion). The acceptance decision will be notified by July 31, 2023, to the corresponding author

The first-place winner and two runners-up will be awarded a cash prize (USD 600 and USD 400, respectively). The winner will also be granted three-year IBF membership fees. Young scientists whose abstracts are outside the six selected for oral presentation must attend the conference and present their data in the poster session.

BEST SCIENTIFIC ORAL PRESENTATION AWARD

Based on the scientific quality, relevance, and importance, nine submissions between the oral presentations category (Research Articles/Extended Abstracts) will be selected by the WBC 2023 Scientific Committee to compete for the Best Scientific Oral Presentation Award. The acceptance decision will be notified by July 31, 2023, to the corresponding author.

A first-place winner and second-place will be awarded a cash prize (USD 800 and USD 500, respectively). The winner will also be granted three-year IBF membership fees.

BEST POSTER AWARD

From all posters presented in all WBC 2023 sessions, two will be awarded. Judges will be representatives from the WBC 2023 Scientific Committee with no conflicts of interest concerning candidates in the competition. Participants will also be asked to vote for the best poster, the proportionality of their votes will be considered for the poster prize within the evaluation scale designed by the judges appointed by the Scientific Committee board. A first-place winner and a second place for the best poster presentation will be awarded a cash prize (USD 600 and USD 400, respectively). The winner will also be granted three-year IBF membership fees.