



EAIR BEST PAPER AWARD FOR ≤35

For those colleagues who are *≤35 years of age (at the time of the Forum)* and send in their paper in time for the evaluation (4 weeks before the start of the Forum), EAIR offers a competition for the 'EAIR Best Paper Award'. The submission must consist of a full paper and not just an extended abstract. Late applications will not be accepted. The prize is a free subscription from the Routledge education journal list for one year. This prize is offered by Routledge in the person of Ian White. A framed certificate from EAIR will also be presented.

The guidelines and rules for the competition are as follows:

1. The paper may be either of an empirical or a conceptual nature;
2. The paper should contribute to knowledge in its field;
3. Methodological self-awareness: the candidate must show awareness of the premises, limitations and potentialities of his or her chosen methodology;
4. Consistency of methodology: a balance must be demonstrated between rigour and relevance, and between the timeliness of the theme and methodological robustness;
5. Appropriacy of methodology: there should be an optimal fit between the needs of the theme and the type of methodology adopted;
6. Communicative power: candidates will NOT be penalised for minor errors. However, clear and logical expression will be expected and applicants are advised to have their work checked by a native speaker if possible;
7. Eligibility of the authors:
 - In case of a single author, the author needs to be *≤35* at the time of the Forum;
 - In case of multiple authorship, no senior authors should have co-authored the paper and
 - All co-authors as a consequence should be *≤35* at the time of the Forum;
 - In case of doubt, EAIR will ask for EVIDENCE of dates of birth.

Rating

The Rules 1-6 above have been developed into a 10-point Marking Scheme with each point weighted according to the designations 'Fair', 'Good' or 'Excellent'. In the case of two papers of equal merit, we propose the award of two prizes.

Evaluators

The persons responsible for the evaluation of the papers are:

- Stephan Laske, member of the Executive Committee EAIR;
- Rosalind Pritchard, ex-member of the Executive Committee EAIR;
- Bjørn Stensaker, editor-in-chief of TEAM, will be the moderator.