



LINKING RESEARCH, POLICY AND PRACTICE

## **OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD**

EAIR invites the colleagues who are 35 of age and younger at the time of the Forum to participate in the competition for the EAIR OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD.

When your proposal is accepted by the Track Chair(s) in March/April 2012, EAIR will send you the format of the “full article” paper (not just an extended abstract) to be completed and submitted **before 27 July 2012** to be included in this competition. After this date, no submission will be accepted for evaluation.

The winner(s) will be given a certificate of the OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD and a one-year free subscription to a journal from the EAIR publisher, Routledge’s education journal list.

### **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  $\leq 35$  at the time of the Forum;
  - In the case of multiple authorship, no senior authors should have co-authored the paper and
  - All co-authors as a consequence should be  $\leq 35$  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:

- Janneke Wiers-Jenssen, Member of the EAIR Executive Committee
- James Williams, Member of the EAIR Executive Committee