

**The Scientific Freedom Competition**  
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**for Young Researchers**

**The Competition Rules**

**§1**

The Competition is organized by VERUS - The Animal Breeders and The Producers of Agri-Food Sector Association.

**§2**

The Organizer is represented by the Commission, the assessment of which is going to determine the winner and indicate the best Project following the Competition Rules.

**§3**

This Annual Contest is organized during The European Congress on Applied Animal Sciences (ECAAS) and is addressed to young researchers under 26 years of age.

**§4**

The Competition aims to select the best scientific Project shared as an oral presentation during ECAAS Congress.

**§5**

The multimedia presentation about the Project mentioned in section 4 has to be submitted orally to the Commission by the member of the research team and also:

- has to contain the names of the participants with the project manager and affiliation
- has to contain The Project Background and the justification of the selection
- has to reveal the resources and methods used in the Project
- has to present the statistical analysis
- has to present the main conclusions

The additional elements included:

- the source of the research funding
- reports and scientific publications as an effect of the competition studies

## §6

The application and a project summary form must be sent in English to: [congress.ecaas@gmail.com](mailto:congress.ecaas@gmail.com) by February 20<sup>th</sup>.

## §7

1. The Competition is open to:

- a) participants being students on the day of sending the application form
- b) participants under 26 years of age
- c) members of the Student's Scientific Associations or science team members who were responsible for the project realization
- d) participants whose Project was fully compliant with competition rules in section 5.

2. Applications sent after the deadline will not be considered.

## **§8**

The results of the Competition will be announced by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **§9**

The member presenting the competition project will be exempted from the registration fee ECAAS Congress.

## **§10**

1. Based on the formal verification and content-related aspects, the Commission shall assess the applications during the closed sessions.
2. The Commission shall select the three best projects by a definite majority of votes during the open sessions not known to the public.
3. In the event of a tie, a decisive vote belongs to the Commission Chair.

## **§11**

The culmination of the conference is the awarding of prizes for the three best projects.

## **§12**

Participation in the Competition is tantamount to consent to copyrights that belong solely and exclusively to the authors of competition projects.

### **§13**

Participation in the Competition constitutes unlimited, unconditional consent without the possibility of withdrawal to free-of-charge publication and multiple uses by VERUS - The Animal Breeders and The Producers of Agri-Food Sector Association. This applies to any conception contained in the competition projects selected. Moreover, all participants authorize dissemination to the public of the **names, surnames, and images of the authors of winning projects.**

### **§14**

The organizers reserve the right to void the Competition without explaining the reason.

### **§15**

Taking part in the Competition is tantamount to approval of the rules and regulations.