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Research Prize

An *INFER Research Prize* consisting of €500 will be made to the presenter of the best paper at the *INFER Annual Conference 2017*.

Eligibility:

In order for a paper to be considered for the *INFER Research Prize*, the presenter must be an *INFER* member at the time of the Annual Conference.

Process:

The *INFER Research Prize* is awarded to outstanding papers presented at the *INFER Annual Conference*. The *Prize* will be made during the Annual Conference, with the presentation of the prize made at the conference dinner.

All papers that fulfill the eligibility criteria are read by members of the Selection Committee¹ and evaluated against the criteria set out below.

¹ Members of the Selection Committee are: Josep- Maria Arauzo-Carod (Chair of the prize Committee), Cristina Badarau, Sophie Brana, Pedro Cerqueira, David Duffy, Elena-Ivona Dumitrescu, Delphine Lahet, Ion Lapteacru, Edward Shinnick and Elias Soukiazis. Members of the selection committee shall decline to evaluate papers if they have the following special relationships with the author(s) of the papers considered: relatives, students, colleagues, and co-authors.

Selection Criteria:

Papers will be reviewed and judged based on the criteria described below. Each paper will be given a score of 0 – 10 (where 0 is the lowest and 10 is the highest score) against each criterion.

The score allocated to each paper by each reviewer shall be multiplied by the weighting and then added. The highest scoring paper shall be selected for the *INFER Research Prize*. Where two or more papers receive the same total score, the paper which has the highest score in the highest weighted criteria shall be selected for the prize. If the papers are still tied, the highest score in the second highest weighted criteria will be selected for the award, and so until a winner is found.

Criteria:

- **Originality (weighting 40%)**

Originality of contribution to knowledge with an emphasis on the paper's innovativeness in one or more of; (i) theoretical development, (ii) empirical results or, (iii) policy development

- **Quality of Argument (weighting 30%)**

Quality of argument incorporating; (i) critical analysis of concepts, theories and findings, and (ii) consistency and coherency of debate

- **Positioning (weighting 15%)**

Clear positioning of paper in existing international literature with a conclusion(s) that is both convincing and of significant potential

- **Writing Style (weighting 15%)**

Quality of writing style in term of accuracy, clarity, readability, and organisation of the paper