

BPS Annual Winter Meeting: Student Talk and Poster Prizes – Guidelines and Assessment Criteria

The Irene Manton Prize for the best oral paper by a postgraduate student, and the BPS Student Poster Prize, for the best poster by a postgraduate or undergraduate student, are highly competitive and prestigious features of the Society's Annual Winter Meetings. Both events are judged by a panel of senior BPS members from across the entire field of psychology.

Whilst entrants for both competitions will receive guidance from their respective supervisors and tutors, the following summaries of the criteria used by the judges are provided as a further aid to achieving high ratings in these competitions: for both science and style.

The Irene Manton Prize

Criteria: scores are awarded for each of the following:

1. Scientific concept: introduction to the subject of the talk; gaps in knowledge; aims of the investigation.
2. Scientific content: practical approach taken and results obtained.
3. Discussion of results and justification of conclusions arising.
4. Style of oral presentation: clarity, speed of delivery, engagement with audience.
5. Visual presentation: use of visual aids; clarity of presentational style.
6. Timing of oral delivery: high importance given to keeping within the allotted time.
7. Responses to questions arising.

The Student Poster Competition

Criteria: scores are awarded for each of the following:

1. Scientific concept: introduction to the subject of the talk; gaps in knowledge; aims of the investigation.
2. Scientific content: practical approach taken and results obtained.
3. Discussion of results and justification of conclusions arising.

4. Appropriate and accurate reference to key relevant literature.
5. The visual presentation: use of visual aids; clarity of layout.
6. Oral responses to questions posed by judges.

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