MDPI English Writing Prize 2019

Good communication is fundamental to scientific research. With over 20 years' experience in publishing and research communication, MDPI understands how crucial good writing is. For this reason, we have launched the MDPI Writing Prize. It to promote clear, high quality prose that powerfully communicates key scientific concepts. We invite you to participate in this year's edition.

Theme and How to Submit

The competition is open to non-native English speakers who are Ph.D. students or postdoctoral fellows at a research institute. Essays of up to 1000 words are invited on the following topic:

"Judging research: How should research and researchers be evaluated and rewarded?"

Submission deadline: ~~30 June 2019~~ ****Extended to 31 July 2019**** 17:00 CET (UTC+1)
Announcement of winners: 30 September 2019

Submissions should be made via email to englishediting@mdpi.com with the subject line "MDPI writing prize 2019". The following should be included in the submission email:

- Author name
- Author affiliation, including address
- Name, address, and email address of supervisor: PhD supervisor, principal investigator, line manager, or equivalent.
- Title of your essay

We look forward to receiving and reading your essay.

Prizes

First prize (one winner): 500 CHF and certificate
Second prizes (two winners): 250 CHF and certificate
Third prizes (three winners): 100 CHF and certificate

About the Organizer

MDPI (www.mdpi.com) is a publisher of over 200 scholarly open access journals covering all disciplines. It also offers author services, including English editing, to academic authors (http://www.mdpi.com/authors/english). MDPI aims to support the rapid communication of the latest research through journals, conferences, and other services to the research community.

Conditions

The following conditions apply:

- Submissions should be solely the work of one submitting author.
- Essays must be 1000 words or less, including the title and references.
- Entries may contain a bibliography, tables, or figures. All of these items (except images) will be included in the word count.
- Entrants must not be native English-speakers (not educated in English below the age of 18 nor have used English as a primary language before the age of 18).
- Entries must be submitted in Word (doc/docx), Open Document Text (odt) or LaTeX (tex) format, as well as PDF.
- Submissions must be in English. Phrases from other languages can be used but must include a translation (both are included in the word count).
- Entries received after the deadline will not be considered.

Judging and Announcement

Essays will be assessed on grammar and punctuation, writing style, overall structure, and interest and relevance to the theme. The judging committee will be selected by MDPI. The judges' decision is final and no appeals will be considered. The winners and their supervisor or manager will be asked to sign a confirmation of the terms of entry in order to receive their prize.

All winning essays will be published online in open access format (under a Creative Commons CC BY license).

All entrants will be invited to publish their essay in an open access book, to be published online in open access format in 2019. Participation in the book is optional. The 2018 book is available at https://www.mdpi.com/books/pdfview/edition/914.