



## Call for Papers for Student Competition (Best Paper/Poster)

The Scientific Committee of the EARSeL 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop SIG on Forestry is pleased to announce the **2016 Student Competition**. Students from all academic levels (post-docs are excluded), are invited to submit original research on all topics in the field of remote sensing/geomatics and forestry. Research must have been completed within the last two academic years, during the author's undergraduate or graduate studies and can include thesis and dissertation topics. At the time of presentation (Sept. 2016), the applicant must still be a student. Extended abstracts must be written entirely by the applicant; however, thesis and dissertation advisors may be co-authors. Extended abstract deadline is: **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

### Extended Abstract Guidelines

The extended abstract will be used to determine the travel award. Please follow the guidelines below when preparing extended abstracts:

- Title, author(s) names, affiliation and contact information of the author(s);
- 400-800 words in length in PDF format;
- Summarize the primary objective, methodology, results, and conclusions of the study;
- Include references and citations, but the words used in reference list do not count toward the word count. Include an additional single page of 1-2 figures, if necessary.

### Judging

The winners will be selected by the Scientific Committee, based on his/her: originality, organization of scientific work, communication, research techniques and used GeoTechnologies, and overall quality of the extended abstract. For the cash awards the above extended abstract criteria along with presentation and/or poster will be evaluated on content, visual aids, and overall presentation quality. Evaluation will take into account the academic level of the entrant. The committee reserves the right to not offer such prizes if the papers are not of appropriate quality.

### Awards

#### *Travel Award*

A travel award will be provided to the best student extended abstract submitted by the due date below. This award will include: workshop registration fee, return airline travel to Krakow (Poland) from anywhere in the world and accommodations during your stay in Krakow (Summer School + Workshop). A valid passport and all visa requirements are the student responsibility to claim the award. The recipient of this award will be announced in June 2016.

#### *Cash Prize*

The cash award and travel award are not mutually exclusive, however, the competition for the cash award will take place at the conference itself. First, and two second, place awards will be determined following the student presentations. The prizes are: \$500 (cash) for the first place paper, 2 x \$250 for second place.

#### *Publication Fees Waiver Prize*

The overall best presentation/poster will be given the opportunity to submit a full paper on their research to the conference special issue of a peer review journal; all publication fees will be waived.

### Contact

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