

Guidelines for finalists

1. AIM

The aim of the Young Persons' Lecture Competition is to provide an atmosphere of friendly competition for young materials, minerals, mining, packaging, clay technology and wood science scientists and engineers so that their presentation skills will improve whilst addressing an informed audience.

2. RULES

- i. The competition is open to anyone who is following, or has followed, a course in any aspect of Materials, Minerals, Mining, Packaging, Clay Technology and Wood Science, Science and Engineering.
- ii. The event is open to all persons age 28 or under on 1 June 2023
- iii. The UK final will be held between six regional finalists.
- iv. Abstracts of maximum 150 words must be submitted when entering the Competition via the IOM3 website only.
- v. Each entrant will give a presentation in English lasting between 12 and 15 minutes on a subject of their choice about any aspect of materials, minerals, mining, packaging, clay technology and wood science engineering.
- vi. No indication will be given to competitors on timing.
- vii. Facilities at the National Final will permit OHP slides or computer generated presentations to be used. NB PowerPoint is the software used at the National final.
- viii. Questioning from each of the three of the judges (appointed prior to the event) will take place immediately after each presentation. Each judge will ask one question.
- ix. The judges will retire to consider their verdict and the result will be announced to competitors and audience at the end of the evening. It is up to the judges as to whether they just announce a winner or other place winners. In Regional finals a runner-up candidate will be identified in case the winner is unable to make the National final.

3. JUDGING CRITERIA & PENALTIES

The following judging criteria will be the same for Local, Regional and National Competitions. Each entrant will be marked from a total of 100 points.

Scores are as follows:

a.	Clarity and relevance of the entrant's abstract	10 marks
b.	Structure of the lecture, clarity of explanation and argument, neither assuming too much or too little knowledge on the part of the audience	25 marks
c.	Standard of presentation, clarity of diction, personal enthusiasm for the subject, ability to deliver lecture spontaneously (points deducted if constant reference to notes or memory aids interferes with the presentation)	25 marks
d.	Clarity and relevance of any visual aids used	10 marks
e.	Technical content of the presentation	15 marks
f.	Calmness and competence in handling judges' questions	15 marks

Marks will be deducted for over-running of lecture time as follows:	Penalties
Over 15 minutes	-5 marks
Under 12 minutes	-5 marks

4. 2023 UK YPLC FINAL

The 2023 UK final will be held at The Worshipful Company of Armourers & Braziers, London on Wednesday 3 May.

In all cases the competitors will present the same topic as that presented in the local heat.

Travelling expenses and accommodation where necessary, will be paid for by IOM3 for those selected to compete in the National Final.

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