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To: FEMS Member Societies

2023 FEMS Master Thesis Award Competition

On behalf of the FEMS Awards Selection Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the 2022 FEMS Master Thesis competition. Following individual institutional heats and national finals organised by Member Societies, the winners from Member Societies attended the in-person final which took place during 2022 FEMS Junior EUROMAT in Coimbra.

The FEMS Master Thesis award is intended to recognize the best Master Thesis on Materials Science & Engineering, presented in any academic institution from the country of any FEMS Member Society. FEMS Member Societies may nominate one candidate per year. To be eligible, the Master Thesis should have been obtained up to a maximum of two academic years before the FEMS final takes place (for the 2023 Competition, eligible entrants must have obtained their degree in 2021 and 2022).

The European final of the FEMS Master Thesis Award in 2023 will take place during FEMS EUROMAT conference in Frankfurt, Germany, 3-7 September. Each FEMS Member Society taking part in the competition organizes their own society heat well in advance of the final, with the winner from each society event going forward to the European final. It is important to note and we acknowledge the support from your societies here that the national Member Society covers the travel and subsistence costs for their representative to attend the final in Frankfurt. A fee waiver will be given to each finalist to attend 2023 FEMS EUROMAT. The winner will also receive a certificate and be featured in the next FEMS Newsletter and on the FEMS website. For more details, please visit the FEMS website.

At all heats, finalists will be asked to give a 10 minute presentation on their Master Thesis using PowerPoint, followed by a question from each of the members of the judging panel. The panel will score each candidate and this mark along with the results of the poll taken by the audience will be taken into account in deciding the overall. To ensure all entrants compete under the same circumstances, the same judging criteria and penalties used at the 2023 final must be used at the institutional heats and national finals.

Please inform the FEMS Executive Secretary Ms Efi Fragkou (secretary@fems.org) about details of your national competitions in order that we can add these to our website. All winners must be confirmed by no later than 1 May 2023.

I wish you all the best in your society heats and look forward to seeing your society represented during the final at FEMS EUROMAT next year in Frankfurt.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of the FEMS Awards Committee



Prof Eric Le Bourhis
Chairman, FEMS Award Selection Committee
Immediate Past President, FEMS

**2023 Master Thesis Award
Judging criteria & Penalties**

1. Abstract	(10 marks)
2. Presentation [quality and structure]	(20 marks)
3. Materials Science content	(40 marks)
4. Timing of presentation	(10 marks)
5. Handling questions from judges	(15 marks)
6. Peer Voting	(5 marks)

Marks will be deducted for over/under running of presentation times as follows:

Over 10 minutes	Penalties mark per minute
Under 10 minutes	mark per minute

2023 FEMS Masters Thesis Award

Entry Form

Date:

Nominee

Title:

Name:

Address:

email:

FEMS Member Society:

Principal nominator

Title:

Name:

Address:

email:

Tel.:

FEMS Member Society:

Citation highlighting the nominee's major thesis achievements (50 words max.)

Attachments

- Extended Thesis summary (2 pages max.)
- Letter of support
- CV

www.fems.org/fems-masters-thesis-award