

Appendix 1

Rules and Regulations of the Young Scientists Competition and the 1st International Scientific Conference “Tourism and Recreation in Research and Practice: Traditions and Contemporary Challenges”

§ 1. General Provisions

1.1. The organizer of the Young Scientists Competition (hereinafter referred to as the “Competition”) is the Organizing Committee of the 1st International Scientific Conference “Tourism and Recreation in Research and Practice: Traditions and Contemporary Challenges,” organized by the Faculty of Tourism and Recreation at the University of Physical Culture in Krakow. The Organizing Committee consists of the following members:

Chair – Dr. Sabina Owsianowska
Vice Chair – Dr. Karolina Korbiel
Vice Chair – Dr. Katarzyna Gmyrek
Dr. Iwona Dominek
Dr. Anna Szeliga
Dr. Tomasz Wątek

The Organizing Committee was appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Tourism and Recreation at the University of Physical Culture in Krakow.

1.2. The Conference Organizing Committee is responsible for the proper conduct of the Competition. The Organizing Committee appoints the Competition Jury, designating its Chair and Secretary (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Jury”). The Jury is approved by the Organizing Committee and consists of 5 members. The composition of the Jury will be announced on the official Conference website <https://conferences-wtir.akf.krakow.pl> no later than 7 days before the start of the Conference.

1.3. The Competition Jury consists of experts representing the scientific disciplines covered by the Conference’s theme.

1.4. The Jury’s decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

1.5. The Competition takes place in a competition panel in accordance with the schedule of the Young Scientists Session.

1.6. The purpose of the Competition is to promote the scientific achievements of young researchers, students, and PhD students, including those actively involved in scientific clubs, through the presentation of research results and the recognition of works of high substantive value and innovative research approaches.

§ 2. Rules of Participation

2.1. The Competition is open to young scientists, i.e., individuals engaged in scientific research or active in scientific clubs, including students and PhD students, under the age of 35.

2.2. Registration for the Competition is completed by submitting an abstract via the link: Rejestracja_Registration_WTiR_2026, by the deadline announced in the Conference Announcements.

2.3. Qualification for the Competition is based on the evaluation of abstracts by the Jury within the deadline specified in the Conference Announcements.

2.4. The Organizer reserves the right to verify submissions and make the final decision on the admission of a paper to the Competition.

2.5. Entries submitted to the Competition may be individual or team-based, provided that the number of people in a team does not exceed 3. The team may consist exclusively of young researchers, provided that the presenter is the first author of the submitted abstract and the sole participant in the Competition subject to evaluation.

2.6. Each participant may submit only one entry.

2.7. The Organizer may require the prior submission of:

- a multimedia presentation (PDF/PPT) – for oral presentations,
 - an electronic version of the poster (PDF) – for the poster session,
- by the deadline and in the format specified in the organizational announcement.

§ 3. Competition Categories

The competition comprises two categories:

3.1. Thematic Session – oral presentation of a scientific paper

- presentations take place as part of the Young Scientists Session in accordance with the Conference schedule,
- presentations must address topics related to the Conference's focus,
- the presentation should include:
 - title in Polish and English,
 - author(s)' details (first and last name, affiliation),
 - theoretical introduction,
 - research objective or problem,
 - research methodology,
 - results and conclusions,
 - summary and selected references (max. 10 items),
- the maximum presentation time is 20 minutes, including:
 - 15 minutes for the presentation,
 - 5 minutes for discussion,
- presentations are held in Polish or English,

- The Jury selects the best presentation based on the criteria specified in section 4.1.

3.2. Poster Session – Presentation of a Research Poster

- The poster session takes place at the time and location indicated in the Conference program,
- Posters must address topics related to the Conference’s focus,
- The poster should be in A1 format, vertical orientation,
- The poster should include:
 - title in Polish and English,
 - author(s)’ details and affiliation,
 - research objective or problem,
 - research methodology,
 - results and conclusions,
 - selected references (max. 10 items),
- the author is required to be present at the poster during the session,
- The Jury selects the best poster based on the criteria specified in section 4.2.

§ 4. Evaluation Criteria

4.1. Thematic Session – Oral Presentation

- substantive value, methodological soundness, research innovation, and relevance to the chosen topic – 40%,
- presentation style, clarity of delivery, adherence to the time limit, and ability to lead a discussion – 30%,
- clarity of the presentation’s structure and argumentation, as well as the appropriateness and functionality of visual materials – 30%.

4.2. Poster Session

- substantive value, methodological soundness, research innovation, and relevance to the chosen topic – 40%,
- presentation of results and discussion skills – 30%,
- aesthetics and readability of materials – 30%.

§ 5. Awards

5.1. The official announcement of the Competition results and the award ceremony will take place during a formal session. The date will be published on the Conference website <https://conferences-wtir.akf.krakow.pl> no later than one month before the event begins.

5.2. Prizes are awarded separately in each competition category for the best entry.

5.3. The Organizer reserves the right to award additional honorable mentions.

§ 6. Copyright and Personal Data Protection

6.1. Authors retain their moral and economic rights to the submitted entries.

6.2. Submission of a paper and its presentation during the Conference constitute a declaration by the author that they hold the copyright to the presented content and that such materials do not infringe upon the rights of third parties.

6.3. The author bears full responsibility for the content presented during the Conference, including its compliance with applicable laws and the principles of academic ethics.

6.4. The Organizer is not liable for any infringement of copyright or other third-party rights by Conference Participants.

6.5. Participation in the Competition constitutes consent to the Organizer's free use of:

- the titles and abstracts of the papers,
- photos and recordings made during the presentations, in conference materials and on the Conference website.

6.6. Participants' personal data is processed solely for the purpose of organizing and conducting the Conference and the Competition, in accordance with applicable laws.

6.7. The rules for processing the personal data of Conference participants are set forth in the GDPR Information Notice, which constitutes Appendix 2 to the Conference Regulations.

§ 7. Final Provisions

7.1. Participation in the Competition constitutes acceptance of these Rules and Regulations.

7.2. The Organizer reserves the right to amend these Rules and Regulations, of which participants will be notified in advance.

7.3. In matters not covered by these rules, the Organizer shall make the final decision, taking into account applicable laws.

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