

In line with the Statute of the Society of Slovenian doctoral students and early-career researchers – Young Academy of Slovenia, the Management Board updated in a conference call on 12 March 2021 the following

R U L E S

of the Mentor of the Year Award

Article 1

These rules cover the conditions and procedures by which the Society of Slovenian doctoral students and early-career researchers – Young Academy of Slovenia (hereafter referred to as the Young Academy) bestows the Mentor of the Year Award.

Article 2

The award is usually bestowed once per year.

Article 3

The awardee shall be a mentor or a co-mentor to a doctoral student who was nominated for the award by the said doctoral student.

Article 4

Each proposer shall nominate only one person in the given year. In the case that a proposer nominates more than one person, only the first nomination will be examined, whereas all the following ones will be considered invalid.

Article 5

The right to nominate is given to all doctoral students who are enrolled at least in the third year of the studies or have already graduated, but no more than two years have passed between the date of their thesis defence and the end date of the call.

Article 6

The call for nominations, together with instructions and selection criteria, will be published each year on the Young Academy's website at least 3 weeks before the deadline.

Article 7

The application evaluators and the selection committee are named by the Young Academy's Management Board in one of its regular sessions at least 1 month before the award ceremony.

Article 8

The selection of the candidates for the Mentor of the Year Award is organized in two rounds. The participants of both rounds – as evaluators in the first one and as the selection committee members in the second one – are doctoral students who are enrolled in at least the third year of the studies or have already graduated, but no more than two years have passed since the date of their thesis defence. The evaluators and the selection committee members shall include at

least one member of each gender and at least one representative from natural sciences, engineering, and social sciences/humanities.

Article 9

The selection committee is named before the call and consists of five members, who all serve as evaluators in the first selection round. The number of remaining evaluators for the first selection round is defined after the call is closed and is proportional to the number of received applications, so that each evaluator receives no more than 20 applications. Each application is evaluated twice by different evaluators. Based on the received applications, each evaluator selects five best nominees and recommends them to the selection committee for the second selection round. The selection committee then chooses unanimously five award finalists among the highest ranked nominees from the first selection round and the awardee among the finalists.

Article 10

Before the first evaluation round, the selection committee inspects all received nominations and automatically excludes those with offensive or discriminatory content, regardless of the length or quality of the remaining text.

Article 11

If the selection committee discovers that none of the nominees meets the criteria for the Mentor of the Year Award, it has a right to not bestow the award in the given year. The decision shall be unanimous.

Article 12

The awardee can be given the award only once. The other four finalists shall not be re-nominated in the two consecutive calls following the one in which they were chosen among the five award finalists. The received applications that violate the provisions of this Article will be considered invalid.

Article 13

The changes and replenishments of these rules shall follow the same procedure as during its passing. The rules enter into force right after the publication the Young Society's website.

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