

BPS Annual Winter Meeting: Student Talk and Poster Prizes – Guidelines and Assessment Criteria

The Irene Manton Prize for the best oral presentation by a postgraduate student, and the BPS Student Poster Prize, for the best poster by a postgraduate or undergraduate student, are highly competitive and prestigious features of the Society's Annual Winter Meetings.

Manton Oral Presentations will not be held in parallel with any other session. This enables everyone participating in the Annual Meeting to attend. Students have the option on the abstract submission form to indicate their choice of talk or poster presentation and whether they wish to compete for the Manton Oral Presentation or Student Poster competitions.

Oral presentations are chosen by the meeting organisers on the basis of the abstract submitted. Where the number of talks offered exceeds the number that we can accommodate, we focus on candidates who are in the latter stages of their PhD research. Where possible, the remaining applicants are offered a talk in another session or a poster. In the latter case they will be eligible for the BPS Student Poster Prize.

Talks and posters are judged by a panel of experienced psychologists from across the entire field of the subject area. Whilst entrants for both competitions will have guidance from their project supervisors, we hope the following summaries of the science and style criteria the judges use will help you in achieving high ratings in these competitions.

Scores are awarded out of 5, where 1 is the lowest and 5 the highest.

The prizes are £250 for the best oral presentation and £150 for the best poster. The prize winners are asked to write a short piece on their experience of the annual meeting and provide a photograph of themselves for *The Psychologist*. The prize monies can be claimed from the Treasurer on submission of the article to the Editor of *The Psychologist*.

The Irene Manton Oral Presentation Prize £250

Criteria: scores are awarded as follows:

1. Scientific concept: introduction to the subject of the talk, knowledge gaps, aims.
2. Scientific content: practical approach taken and results obtained.
3. Discussion of results and justification of conclusions arising.
4. Style of oral presentation: clarity, speed of delivery, engagement with audience.
5. Visual presentation: use of visual aids, clarity of presentational style.
6. Timing of talk. High importance given to keeping within the allotted time.
7. Responses to questions arising.

The BPS Student Poster Prize £150

Criteria: scores are awarded as follows:

1. Scientific concept: introduction to the subject of the talk, knowledge gaps, aims.
2. Scientific content: practical approach taken and results obtained.
3. Discussion of results and justification of conclusions arising.
4. Appropriate and accurate reference to key relevant literature.
5. The visual presentation: use of visual aids; clarity of layout.
6. Oral responses to questions posed by poster judges.