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Schweizerische Gesellschaft der Verfahrens- und ChemieingenieurInnen
Swiss Process and Chemical Engineers

Regulations for the awarding of the SGVC Innovation Prize

1. Objective of the SGVC Innovation Award

The SGVC Innovation Award (hereinafter referred to as "the award") aims to recognise outstanding bachelor's or master's theses performed at Swiss universities in the field of process engineering. This includes projects in the fields of process engineering and chemical engineering, as well as their applications in pharmacy, the food industry and biotechnology.

The prize is primarily intended to reward innovation and creative thinking, as well as the courage to propose and implement new ideas. One prize per year is awarded to each school or institution invited by the SGVC (see list at the end of this document).

2. Conditions of participation

Only bachelor's or master's theses written since the last award ceremony by students enrolled at one of the universities or institutions invited by the SGVC (see list at the end of this document) are eligible for participation. The nationality of the applicants is irrelevant. Both group and individual theses may be submitted.

By taking part in the competition, participants accept these conditions of participation without restriction.

3. Organisation

The prize is awarded under the patronage of the SGVC; the universities and institutes invited by the SGVC (see list at the end of these conditions of participation) are eligible to participate.

Candidates for the prize are nominated by the lecturers who supervised their work. They provide the local representative of the SGVC (see list at the end of this document) with the names of the prize winners and a copy of the report. The representatives select the work to be awarded the prize among those submitted at their university. They then forward the name of the prize winner to the SGVC committee for confirmation.

4. Selection of candidates for each university

Each lecturer working at one of the universities and institutions invited by the SGVC may submit a maximum of one bachelor's thesis and one master's thesis to the competition.

For universities of applied sciences, either a bachelor's thesis or a master's thesis will be awarded. For ETH graduates, it must be a master's thesis.

5. Review of applications

A group of experts from the SGVC will quickly decide on the eligibility of the submitted projects, ensuring above all that the topics examined are related to process engineering, to unit operations as well as to the development or optimisation of processes. The following individuals are responsible for validating the applications: Andreas Schreiner (President of the SGVC and industry), Andreas Langer (industry), Christoph Müller (ETH), and Matthias Rüdert (FH).



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6. Award ceremony

A prize of CHF 2,000 is awarded for each of the best master's theses (ETH and FH); a prize of CHF 1,000 is awarded for the best bachelor's thesis.

The prizes are usually awarded during the graduation ceremony of the respective university. The prize winners are also invited to briefly present their work at the SGVC General Assembly.

7. Responsibility of the organisers

The SGVC reserves the right to shorten, extend, postpone, change or cancel the competition under any circumstances and for any reason it deems relevant. It undertakes to inform the participants of the competition but accepts no liability in advance.

8. Contact persons at the invited universities

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