

## **GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR BEST POSTER AWARDS**

### **Criteria:**

- i. Background provides appropriate perspective/context for the subject
- ii. Objectives/research questions are clearly stated
- iii. Research design/methods/modelling is appropriate and transparent {scores on this will determine winners in case of ties}
- iv. Data sources and/or sampling procedures are clear and appropriate
- v. Research objectives are met/addressed
- vi. Factual information is kept separate from interpretations or implications
- vii. Abstract is presented in an unbiased manner
- viii. Clarity of presentation

### **Selection Process:**

The top 10% of scores given by the Contributed Research Review Committee at the time of submission are considered for the award.

### **Selection of Judges:**

- i. 3 weeks prior to conference, select premeeting registrants are invited to participate to judge podium presentations
- ii. Judges are asked to select their field of interest

### **Judging Process:**

- i. Judges are assigned presentations according to their field of interest
- ii. Each judge evaluates their assigned posters
- iii. All posters are judged equally regardless of categories. Judges do not know whether the presentation is Student, New Investigator or General
- iv. Judge's scores are compiled, per category, and tallied to get the overall score
- v. Committee Chair(s) determine the recipients of the Awards (up to three in each category)