

IMRD Best Paper Prize 2008

The IMRD Management Board has decided, in its meeting of 14th-16th May 2008, to award also this year a prize for the best article based on an IMRD thesis. For the moment, this prize will only be symbolic. Should IMRD find a sponsor, then the Management Board may decide to allocate a financial remuneration to this prize.

The procedure for submitting an article and the criteria for selection are as follows:

1. All students having presented and defended their thesis and having graduated the IMRD program in September 2008 can submit an article for "Best Paper Prize" in their graduation batch.
2. To be eligible for this prize, IMRD graduates should hand in a scientific article of maximum 20 pages, written according to the international journal guidelines. The detailed guidelines can be found on the Student Network website on www.imrd.ugent.be.
3. The article should be submitted by sending an electronic copy to the IMRD Coordination at imrd@ugent.be before the 1st of December 2008.
4. The IMRD board has set up a system of blind evaluation of the articles submitted. For this purpose the board has installed an independent commission (consisting of at least 3 members not belonging to the board and of which at least one is an alumni of IMRD).
5. The prize is given to the student who obtains the highest average evaluation score.

Guidelines for the paper

Length. Articles should not exceed 8,000 words, or word-equivalents, including abstract, tables, figures, and graphs. Shorter articles will also be considered. In assessing the contribution of tables and figures to the length of an article, note that a printed page contains about 475 words.

Presentation and layout.

An abstract of no more than 100 words should precede the text of the article. The abstract should give a clear idea of the main conclusions of the article, the methods employed and some indication of the line of reasoning. Provide a maximum of five key words below the abstract. Abstract and the name and affiliation of the author(s) should be given on a separated page only to protect their anonymity in the reviewing process.

Manuscripts should be divided into sections, each with number and section heading. Use no more than three grades of headings. Footnotes should appear at the end of the page in which they are inserted. Collect references, tables and figures, in that order, at the end of the manuscripts.

Use only essential mathematical notations and number formulae consecutively. References are cited in the text by giving the name of the author/editor, year of publication and - in the case of quotations or an exact reference - the page number, all in parentheses (Swinnen, 1997: 12) or (Zeller *et al.*, 1997). Postscript multiple

Book Swinnen, J. F. M. (ed.) (1997). *Political Economy of Agrarian Reform in Central and Eastern Europe*. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate.

Article in a book Steenkamp, J.-B. E. M. (1997). Dynamics in consumer behaviour with respect to agricultural and food products. In Wieringa, B., Tilburg, A. van, Grunert, K., Steenkamp, J.-B. E. M. and Wedel, M. (eds), *Agricultural Marketing and Consumer Behaviour in a Changing World*. Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 143-188.

Article in a journal Monier-Dilhan, S. and Ossard, H. (1998). Producers' loss due to asymmetric information: An application to a specific case. *European Review of Agricultural Economics* 25: 155-169.

Manuscripts should be presented in a word file using a 12 inch letter type