



Regulations of the Competition for the Davorin Kereković Award

§ 1. General provisions

1. These Regulations of the Competition, hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations", define the terms and conditions of participation in the Competition for the Davorin Kereković Award for the best master's thesis and the best doctoral dissertation in which GIS tools were used or a legal solution for the use of spatial data was proposed.
2. The purpose of the Competition for the Davorin Kereković Award, hereinafter referred to as the "Competition", is to identify the best master's thesis and the best doctoral dissertation that uses GIS tools or propose a legal solution for the use of spatial data.
3. The Organizer of the Competition is the Croatian-Polish Scientific Network (CPSN), hereinafter referred to as the "Organizer".
4. The announcement of the Competition and the Regulations are published on the Croatian-Polish Scientific Network website: www.cpsn.us.edu.pl.
5. The Organizer, when announcing the edition of the Competition in a given year, determines: the method and deadline for submitting applications, as well as the application form and the outline of the poster presenting the research described in the master's thesis or doctoral dissertation.
6. Whenever the Regulations refer to "master's thesis", "doctoral dissertation", or "university", it should be understood as the thesis, dissertation and university, respectively, referred to in the Polish Law of July 20, 2018, Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws of 2021, item 478, as amended).
7. Application for participation in the Competition is tantamount to acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in the Regulations.
8. In the course of the Competition, the Organizer processes the personal data of the candidates on the basis of Article 6(1)(a) and (e) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (Official Journal of the EU L 119 of 04.05.2016).

§ 2. Evaluation of submissions

1. The award is given in the following categories:
 - 1) master's thesis,
 - 2) doctoral dissertation.
2. Submitted works are evaluated according to the criteria:
 - 1) originality of the subject matter,
 - 2) author's contribution to the work,
 - 3) topicality and importance of the problem,
 - 4) creative value of the work,
 - 5) degree of difficulty of the work,
 - 6) originality and modernity of the solution,
 - 7) the clarity of the formulation of the purpose of the work, the method of achieving it, the correctness and form of presentation of the conclusions,
 - 8) practical qualities of the work,
 - 9) redaction and editorial aspects of the work.

§ 3. Submissions of works

1. The competition is organized annually and is announced by CPSN on the CPSN website: www.cpsn.us.edu.pl.



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2. The award may be given to the author of a paper submitted and defended at a scientific unit that is a supporting member of the CPSN. [The list of supporting members is announced on the CPSN website.](#)
3. The thesis is submitted to the Competition by the author or, with the author's consent, by the supervisor or the scientific unit where the thesis was submitted and defended. Each scientific unit may submit any number of works to the Competition.
4. Multi-author works may be submitted to the Competition. Submission of such a work requires the signing of the entry form by all authors.
5. A thesis defended within two calendar years preceding the year of the Competition announcement may be submitted to the Competition.
6. Works that have been submitted in previous editions of the Competition may not be submitted to the Competition.
7. A prerequisite for the submission of a work is the correct completion of the application form referred to in § 1 paragraph 5.
8. In the event that fewer than six works meeting the formal requirements are submitted to the Competition in a given category, the Jury reserves the right to withdraw it from the Competition.
9. Works written in English, Croatian, or Polish may be submitted to the Competition.

§ 4. Formal requirements

1. The signed and scanned application form should be sent by e-mail to the Organizer at the e-mail address and by the deadline indicated in the Competition announcement.
2. Along with the application form following electronic attachments should be submitted:
 - 1) master's thesis/dissertation,
 - 2) a certificate of the defence of the thesis, a resolution confirming the degree issued by the authorities of the scientific unit or a scan of the diploma,
 - 3) an editable version of the part "application data" of the submitted application form,
 - 4) all reviews of the submitted master's thesis or the doctoral dissertation,
 - 5) a poster presenting the research described in the master's thesis or the doctoral dissertation, prepared according to the scheme provided by CPSN at the announcement of the Competition.
3. Attachments, with the exception of the editable part "application data" of the application form, should be saved in pdf format and sent by e-mail. If the total volume of attachments exceeds 10 MB, they should be sent in the form of a link to files placed on an Internet drive (the so-called cloud).
4. In the event that the Organizer receives information, before or after giving the award to the Laureate, that the awarded work constitutes plagiarism, or that the law or the provisions of the Competition Regulations have been violated in any other way, the Organizer has the right to decide not to give the award in the Competition, to refuse to transfer the award to a given Laureate, and in the case of awards already granted – to demand the return of the award.

§ 5. Selection of awarded submissions

1. The selection of the awarded submissions is made by the Jury appointed by the Organizer.
2. The Jury is appointed for the duration of a given edition of the Competition.
3. The Jury consists of no less than 9 people:
 - 1) the President of the Management Board of the Croatian-Polish Scientific Network or his designated Vice President of the Management Board, as the Chairman of the Jury,
 - 2) the Secretary of the Management Board of the Croatian-Polish Scientific Network, as the Secretary of the Jury,
 - 3) ordinary members of the CPSN appointed by the Chairman of the Jury.
4. Each submission is evaluated by three members of the Jury. A master's thesis is evaluated by at least a PhD and a doctoral dissertation by at least a habilitated doctor.



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5. Members of the Jury evaluating the submitted work shall be excluded from participation in the evaluation of the work if there is a personal or professional relationship between them and the author or the supervisor of the work that could affect confidence in their impartiality.
6. Each of the three members of the Jury awards the work from 1 to 5 points for each evaluation criterion listed in § 2, paragraph 2, with 5 points being the highest score.
7. The Jury calculates the arithmetic average of the points of each work and creates a ranking list of submissions separately for master's theses and doctoral dissertations.
8. The submissions with the highest number of points are considered the best works.
9. In a situation where two or more submissions achieve an equal number of points, the Chairman of the Jury determines the ranking order of the submissions.
10. The Jury selects and awards the best master's thesis and the best doctoral dissertation according to the ranking list.
11. The Jury may award honourable mentions.
12. The decision of the Chapter is not subject to appeal.
13. Members of the Jury are obliged to keep the results of the Competition confidential.

§ 6. Announcement of results and award

1. The announcement of the results will be made no later than at the end of the year in which the particular edition of the Competition is held. The announcement of the results of the Competition will be made at the time and in the manner indicated in the Competition announcement.
2. The results of the Competition, including the data of the Laureates, i.e.: name and surname, the title of the submitted thesis, name of the thesis supervisor, and name of the university where the thesis was defended, will be made public on the CPSN website, intranet and social media of the Organizer, as well as during the award ceremony.
3. The award, in a form of a diploma, is handed over at the GIS Odyssey Conference held after the Competition edition.
4. In case of the absence of Laureates at the GIS Odyssey Conference, the Organizer will connect with the Laureates via means of electronic communication.
5. In case of the absence of Laureates at the GIS Odyssey Conference, the Organizer will send the award.
6. The posters presenting the results of the research described in the awarded or honourable mentions papers will be presented at the GIS Odyssey conference, at which the awards and honourable mentions given in the Competition will be handed over.
7. The Competition Organizer does not provide prize winners with free participation in the conference or transportation to the conference.
8. Award winners may not send submissions in future editions of the Competition.

§ 7. Final provisions

1. The documents, materials and studies sent with the application shall be archived after the end of the Competition.
2. In matters not regulated by these Regulations, the decisions are made by the Organizer.
3. The Organizer reserves the right to make changes to the Regulations.