

## Award Competition

### 2019 EUHA Sponsorship Award

The European Union of Hearing Aid Acousticians (EUHA) is an association for all persons working in the hearing aid sector for the benefit of people with impaired hearing. The association aims at bringing together hearing aid acousticians, scientists and laymen with an interest in trade-specific issues, who want to take part in specialised further education and vocational training.

In order to sponsor young talent in the hearing aid trade as well as to increase its own profile, the EUHA awards the sponsorship award for outstanding theses with special relevance to hearing aid acoustics.

#### Award

The 2019 EUHA Sponsorship Award ceremony will be held on 16 October 2019 as part of the opening of the 64<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Hearing Aid Acousticians in Hannover. Awards must be accepted in person. Prize monies will be transferred to the prize winners' respective bank accounts as a lump-sum payment.

The decision if a thesis submitted within the period stipulated meets the requirements of this award competition, and which of the papers submitted will be awarded a prize, is taken by a jury convened by the EUHA.

Up to three theses may be awarded a prize with prize monies worth

- 3,000 euros for the first prize,*
- 2,000 euros for the second prize, and*
- 1,000 euros for the third prize.*

#### Who is eligible?

The 2019 award competition is intended for students of a university or university of applied sciences who have completed their studies within the past 24 months. Diploma, bachelor, master, or Magister theses may be submitted.

Another requirement for submitting such theses is the completion of the skilled crafts examination as a hearing aid acoustician.

The thesis must not be protected by a confidentiality clause.

#### What is required?

The thesis should deal with a topic concerning the rehabilitation of deficiencies affecting the auditory communication system and should exhibit potential for development. Another requirement is that the subject matter can be practically applied by members of the trade of hearing aid acousticians.

The EUHA places special emphasis on:

- auditory applicability of the results found to humans, processes or production methods
- relevance to hearing aid fitting
- relevance to customer service

Theses that are forward-looking and original also have a good chance of being awarded a prize.

The audiological component will play an important part in the assessment.

A courageous approach as well as the ability to develop and convincingly present a subject will be honoured.

#### Entry rules

Theses must be received by **15 August 2019**

An electronic copy of the thesis should be submitted to the EUHA Office, PO Box 40 06, 55030 Mainz, Germany, e-mail: [info@euha.org](mailto:info@euha.org). The thesis must be accompanied by the author's curriculum vitae.

#### Right of use

After submission for the award competition, the thesis will remain the copyrighted property of the author.

Upon arrangement with the author, the EUHA will be granted the right of exploitation. Furthermore, participants in the award competition declare their consent to the EUHA publishing their names and the titles of their theses as part of the EUHA website and, if applicable, in a EUHA press release. The participants also agree to visual and sound recordings being made during the award ceremony and being exploited thereafter. Awardees will undertake to present the award topic at one of the EUHA's conferences, seminars, or courses.

The jury's decision is final. There is no legal recourse.

#### If you have any questions, please contact:

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