

# ICROMA Best Papers and Young Research Awards (from 2023)

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Each ICROMA the top 10 Best Papers and Young Research Awards are selected. The selection processes are detailed below.

## 1 ICROMA Best Papers

### 1. General

- The top 10 Best Papers are selected from the submitted research papers.
- In case of a tie the number of Best Papers can be more than 10 papers.
- The Best Papers are announced during the conference.
- After the conference the Best Papers are presented on the IAROR website.
- The authors of the Best Papers are invited to submit their paper to a Special Issue of the Journal of Rail Transport Planning and Management (JRTPM).

### 2. Eligibility

- The paper is original and has not been submitted to another conference or journal before the conference dates (indicated at submission).
- The paper is presented at the conference.

### 3. Pre-selection Process

- The pre-selection is based on the original submitted papers.
- Each paper is reviewed by at least a Board member and another SAC member.
- The papers are reviewed according to technical merit, originality, clarity and relevance.
- A shortlist of 30 candidate Best Papers is pre-selected based on the paper review results.
- The pre-selection is determined by the ranking of the average overall score from the Board and other SAC member, and a check on the scores of Nomination for Best Paper.
- Ineligible papers are excluded from the ranking of candidate Best Papers.
- The shortlist may include more than 30 papers in case of a tie at rank 30.

### 4. Nomination Process

- The nomination of the top 10 best papers is based on the final papers by e-mail voting.
- Members with the right to vote are the IAROR Board members, the Organizing Committee, and the other members of the Scientific Advisory Committee.
- The shortlist and final papers are sent to the voters four weeks before the start of the conference.
- The shortlist contains the name of the candidate and co-authors, title of the paper, review results from the original paper, and response to the reviewers of the original paper.
- Each voter nominates his/her personal top 5, with 5 points for the 1st best paper down to 1 point for the 5th best paper.
- A voter cannot vote for a paper to which he/she is a co-author.
- Each voter sends an e-mail with the top 5 votes to the chair of the organizing committee.
- The deadline for sending the votes is one week before the conference, unless announced differently when the shortlist is provided.
- Votes after the deadline do not count.

## 5. Final selection of the Best Papers

- The nominated papers are ranked according to the cumulative vote score received from the voters from high to low.
- The 10 highest ranked papers are selected as the Best Papers.
- Ties at rank 10 are included in the selected Best Papers, in which case the Best Papers may exceed 10 papers.

## 2 Young Railway Operations Research Award (YRA)

### 1. General

- Three YRA winners are selected from the eligible authors of submitted research papers.
- The winners obtain a certificate and prize money of €1500 (1<sup>st</sup> prize), €1000 (2<sup>nd</sup> prize) or €500 (3<sup>rd</sup> prize).
- After the conference the YRA winners are presented on the IAROR website.
- The awards are announced during the conference.

### 2. Eligibility

- A candidate must be at most 35 years on the first day of the conference.
- A candidate must be the first author of the paper.
- The paper is original and has not been submitted to another conference or journal before the conference dates.
- A candidate has to present the paper at the conference.
- A candidate must register for the conference.

### 3. Selection Process

- The prior YRA nomination is based on the Best Papers nomination.
- The three nominated papers for the YRA are the three highest ranked Best Papers that are also eligible for the YRA.
- The final ranking is decided by the IAROR Board based on the Best Paper score and the presentation at the conference.