
22nd IGWT Symposium

with associated 3rd International Conference
on Quality and Management Sciences

Regulations of the Competition for the Best Scientific Poster

held during the
22nd IGWT Symposium “From Commodity to Quality: Shaping a Sustainable Future”
with the associated
3rd International Conference on Quality and Management Sciences
9–11 September 2026, Poznań, Poland

§1. Definitions

For the purposes of these Regulations, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

1. **Conference** – the 22nd IGWT Symposium “*From Commodity to Quality: Shaping a Sustainable Future*”, with the associated 3rd International Conference on Quality and Management Sciences, held on 9–11 September 2026 in Poznań, Poland.
2. **Competition** – the Competition for the Best Scientific Poster organized as part of the Conference.
3. **Organizer** – Poznań University of Economics and Business, Institute of Quality Science, in cooperation with the International Society of Commodity Science and Technology, IGWT, and the Organizing Committee of the Conference.
4. **Organizing Committee** – the body responsible for the organizational supervision of the Competition and for ensuring its proper course.
5. **Poster Session** – the scientific poster presentation held during the Conference on 9–11 September 2026.
6. **Poster** – a scientific poster accepted for presentation during the Poster Session of the Conference.
7. **Participant of the Competition** – an author or co-author of a Poster accepted for presentation during the Poster Session.

8. **Voter** – a registered participant of the Conference entitled to vote in the Competition, including conference participants, speakers, keynote speakers and members of the Organizing Committee.
 9. **Voting Card** – a voting card issued to a registered Conference participant at the registration desk and used to vote for one Poster in the Competition.
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§2. General Provisions

1. The Competition is organized as part of the Conference.
 2. The aim of the Competition is to promote high-quality scientific research and to recognize outstanding poster presentations submitted within the thematic scope of the Conference.
 3. All Posters accepted for the Poster Session are automatically entered into the Competition.
 4. Participation in the Competition constitutes acceptance of these Regulations.
 5. The Organizer reserves the right to amend these Regulations if necessary. Any changes shall be communicated to Conference participants.
 6. Posters must be original scientific works prepared by their authors or co-authors.
 7. The Organizing Committee shall supervise the proper conduct of the Competition.
 8. Questions regarding the Competition should be addressed to:
igwt-icqmsc@konf.ue.poznan.pl
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§3. Participants and Posters

1. Participants of the Competition are all authors and co-authors of Posters accepted for presentation during the Poster Session of the Conference.
 2. Posters may be prepared individually or by multiple authors.
 3. There is no limit on the number of co-authors of one Poster.
 4. One person may be an author or co-author of more than one Poster.
 5. Personal presentation of the Poster during the Poster Session is not required for participation in the Competition.
 6. Each Poster entered into the Competition shall be assigned an individual poster number by the Organizer.
 7. In the case of multi-author Posters, the submitting or contact author confirms that all co-authors have accepted these Regulations and consent to the use of their names, affiliations and Poster title for purposes related to the organization, documentation and promotion of the Conference and the Competition.
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§4. Technical Requirements for Posters

1. Posters must be prepared in **English**.
 2. Posters should be prepared in the format not exceeding **B1 format, portrait orientation**.
 3. Posters shall be printed by the participants.
 4. The Organizer does not require participants to submit an electronic version of the Poster for the purposes of the Competition.
 5. The Organizer may publish photographs of Posters, Poster authors and the Poster Session on the Conference website and in the Conference social media channels.
 6. By participating in the Competition, authors agree that the Poster title, names and surnames of authors, affiliations and photographic documentation of the Poster Session may be used for information, documentation and promotional purposes related to the Conference and the Competition.
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§5. Thematic Scope of Posters

The subject matter of the Posters should be consistent with the thematic scope of the Conference, including in particular:

1. quality science and quality management;
 2. commodity science and technology;
 3. design, quality and safety of food and non-food products;
 4. innovative products, materials and technologies;
 5. product and process management;
 6. consumer behavior and preferences;
 7. sustainable production and consumption;
 8. circular economy and waste management;
 9. eco-design and eco-innovations;
 10. AI-driven transformation;
 11. technology transfer and commercialisation of research results;
 12. international cooperation in science, quality and innovation.
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§6. Voting Rules

1. The winner of the Competition shall be selected by voting conducted among registered Conference participants.
2. Each registered Conference participant shall receive three separate voting cards at the Conference registration desk. Therefore, each Voter may vote for **three different Posters**.
3. **Each voting** card allows for one vote for one poster.

4. Voting is conducted by entering the poster number on the voting card.
 5. It is not allowed to cast more than one vote for the same Poster.
 6. The voting cards shall be placed in a box located at the Conference registration desk.
 7. Voting shall begin at the start of the Conference and shall end on **Friday, 11 September 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**
 8. Votes cast after the voting deadline will not be counted.
 9. A voting card will be considered invalid if it:
 - is illegible,
 - is incomplete,
 - contains more than one poster number,
 - indicates a non-existing poster number,
 - duplicates a vote already cast by the same Voter for the same Poster,
 - otherwise violates these Regulations.
 12. Votes will be counted by the Organizing Committee.
 13. The poster with the highest number of valid votes will be awarded the title of Best Scientific Poster.
 14. In the event of a tie, the final decision shall be made by the Organizing Committee. When resolving a tie, the Organizing Committee may take into account the scientific quality, clarity, originality and relevance of the Poster to the Conference theme.
 15. The decision of the Organizing Committee is final and cannot be appealed.
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§7. Awards and Announcement of Results

1. The Organizer may award prizes for the best Posters, including 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and/or honourable mentions.
 2. The results of the Competition shall be announced on **Friday, 11 September 2026**, after the last Conference session.
 3. The Organizer reserves the right to publish the names and surnames of the winners, their affiliations, Poster titles and photographs from the award ceremony on the Conference website and in the Conference social media channels.
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§8. Personal Data and Consent

1. Personal data of Competition participants shall be processed for purposes related to the organization, conduct, documentation and promotion of the Competition.
2. The scope of processed data may include: name and surname, affiliation, e-mail address, Poster title, poster number and information about the result obtained in the Competition.

3. Participation in the Competition requires acceptance of these Regulations and consent to the use of the Poster title, author names, affiliations and photographic documentation for purposes related to the Conference and the Competition.
 4. In the case of multi-author Posters, the submitting or contact author confirms that all co-authors have been informed about the processing of their personal data and the use of their names, affiliations and Poster title for purposes related to the Conference and the Competition.
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§9. Final Provisions

1. Matters not covered by these Regulations shall be decided by the Organizer.
 2. The Organizer is not responsible for circumstances beyond its control that may affect the course of the Competition.
 3. These Regulations enter into force on the date of their publication.
 4. The Regulations shall be available to Conference participants before and during the Conference.
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Appendix No. 1

Consent Statement

I, the undersigned, hereby confirm that I have read and accepted the Regulations of the Competition for the Best Scientific Poster organized as part of the **22nd IGWT Symposium: From Commodity to Quality: Shaping a Sustainable Future**, with the associated **3rd International Conference on Quality and Management Sciences**.

I also acknowledge that my personal data will be processed for purposes related to the organization and conduct of the Competition, in accordance with the information clause provided by the Organizer.

*Organizing Committee
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