



AFAÏA 2020's circular farming Symposium

Students competition - Presentation and call for applications

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1. Symposium presentation

AFAÏA, the French representative of companies supplying innovative fertilizers and inputs for sustainable plant cultivation, organizes the 3rd edition of the circular farming Symposium.

This symposium « *Fertilisers, growing media, new inputs...: Innovative solutions to meet societal expectations and environmental challenges?* » will be held in Paris the **24th November 2020** at Hôtel POTOCKI 27 avenue de Friedland (8th arrondissement, subway station: Charles de Gaulle Etoile).

Students competition

On the occasion of this symposium, a competition is open to all students wishing to present their technical, economic or scientific works on a subject related to AFAÏA's activities and the theme of the 2020 symposium.

10 applications will be selected among which 3 will be rewarded:

- 1st prize: 2000 euros ;
- 2nd prize: 1000 euros ;
- 3rd prize: 500 euros.

These 3 laureates will present their works for 10 minutes during the AFAÏA's Symposium.

The works of the 10 selected applications will be presented through posters, which can be consulted throughout the Symposium and then on the AFAÏA website. These posters will showcase the students, their works and their academic institutions.

2. Call for applications

The competition is open to all students in two-year technical degrees, bachelor's and professional bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, engineering schools, PhD students or equivalent courses in France and Europe, who have graduated in 2019 or who will graduate in 2020.

The work presented will be derived from their training reports or dissertations produced during or at the end of their studies, having been validated and marked by a teacher or an examination board.

The application form shall be sent electronically to AFAÏA **before the 25th September 2020** (see document "*Application Form and Rules*").

3. Conduct of the competition

The selection committee, consisting of professionals who are members of AFAÏA, will study each of the applications and will decide which the 10 will be able to present a poster, and among these, the 3 awarded applications.

Innovations concerning the products covered by AFAÏA, their technical, economic and environmental impacts will be the main selection criteria. The marks and opinions formulated by the teachers and the examination boards will also be taken into account when making the decision.

Selected students will be informed by e-mail **before the 23rd October 2020** in order to prepare their intervention and/or poster. The awarding of the prizes is linked to the participation of the laureates in the symposium.

The participation expenses of the awarded students (a maximum of 2 per application) and of their academic advisor (or training supervisor) will be covered on presentation of supporting documents (travel on the basis of a 2nd class train fare), and their tickets to the symposium will also be free of charge.

For the other applications that have been selected to present a poster, 2 tickets to the symposium per application will be free of charge.