

## MD 2019 FEMS Microbiology Letters Poster Prize

FEMS Microbiology Letters Journal will sponsor a Poster Prize for Early Career Scientist attending the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Microbial Diversity 2019, 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Catania-Italy.

The prize is intended to support Early Career Researchers Scientist\* and represents an opportunity to recognise scientific excellence.

A specific FEMS Journal Poster Prize Committee will review the accepted abstracts, taking into account the following judging criteria:

1. *Abstract* – Clarity, comprehensiveness, and conciseness;
2. *Scientific Quality* – Adequacy of experimental design (methodology, controls, replication), extent to which objectives were met, difficulty and thoroughness of research, validity of conclusions based upon data, technical merit, and contribution to science;
3. *Poster* – Organization (clarity of introduction, objectives, methods, results, conclusions), quality of illustrations, ability to answer questions, and knowledge of subject.

Criteria 2 and 3 will be evaluated during the conference.

The FEMS Journal poster prize will be presented by the President of the SIMTREA during the closing ceremony of the Microbial Diversity 2019 conference.

The winner will receive an award of **250 euros** and a **FEMS Journal certificate**.

The winner will be further promoted by FEMS and Oxford University Press (OUP) with an interview that will be featured on the FEMS and OUP websites, newsletters and social media.

The transfer of the prize money will be administrated by FEMS.

The winner is expected to be present at the MD2019 closing ceremony.

\*An early career scientist should have obtained highest academic degree (Bachelor, Master or PhD) less than five years prior the application deadline, or be a PhD student.