



Young Science Communicators' Competition (As a part of the FP7 project BIOPROM)

The Competition:

The BIOPROM science writing prize 2014 is a competition looking for the brightest sparks in Europe to write about the bioeconomy in 1500 words or less. With a European wide pool of participants, the prize provides a springboard into developing careers in both writing and research. Judged by (amongst others) editors from the global online magazine "The Conversation" (<http://theconversation.com/uk>), three lucky winners will be offered places at the bioeconomy conference held by COMMNET in December.

We are looking for articles that address how to communicate the bioeconomy to the world (from GM crops, to discovering antibiotics under the sea, to the wider issue of food poverty) and offer insightful solutions to the issues faced when talking about things like the growing demands for energy, food, and science and so on in less than 1500 words.

With the global population expected to rise to nine billion by 2020, bioeconomy issues such as food security, sustainable energy, and novel medicine developments are hot topics all over the world. Because it is highly debated, and often controversial, the bioeconomy relies upon public opinion and awareness to drive research forward towards solutions. Articles will explore the barriers to engaging the public in bioeconomy issues (such as pre-existing opinions, governmental policies or geographical challenges) and get creative with ideas on how to overcome these.

The words should be aimed at a lay audience, with no previous background in science, demonstrating an understanding of the issues at hand with a flair for science writing. We are looking for originality, intelligent ideas, interesting writing styles, and a strong voice showing a true passion for science.

About the Organisers:

This competition is organized within the FP7 Project consortium called BIOPROM with the aim of contributing to the development of science communication skills. BIOPROM is an EU funded project with the main aim to bring the knowledge-based bio-economy science to the public. The competition is organized on a European basis.



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Eligibility

- You must be an undergraduate or postgraduate enrolled into a university within the EU.
- Eligible entries will include a **title**, the **name of your university** of study and **name of author** along with **contact details**. We reserve the right to exclude any entries not containing this information
- The word limit is 1500 words.
- Individuals must be over the age of 18 years.
- Entries will be sent as attachments via email to isolde@rtd-services.com in either pdf or word format.
- All articles will be written in English.
- The entries will be suitable for a general audience, with no jargon (difficult science words)
- This competition closes on **November 1st, 2014**.

Prizes

Three winners will be awarded with an all-expenses paid trip to COMMNET conference in Brussels on 3rd of December 2014. The first prize winner will be offered the chance to present their work to delegates at the conference, using their work to springboard their career.

Terms & Conditions

Please read these competition rules carefully. If you enter one of our competitions, we will assume that you have read these rules and that you agree to them.

1. To enter a competition you must be: (a) an undergraduate or postgraduate of a University within the EU at the time of the contest; and (b) 18 years old or over at the time of entry or have your entry submitted by an adult.

2. Competitions are not open to employees (or members of their immediate families) of the partners within the BIOPROM consortium.



3. If you want to enter a competition you may enter via e-mail address with your article. You must include the name of the university you study at.
4. Sending an e-mail, tweet, or message is not proof that we have received your entry. No responsibility can be accepted for entries that are lost or delayed, or which are not received for any reason.
5. The closing date is as specified in the contest, and BIOPROM reserves the right to amend the competition end date at any time.
6. If you win a competition, we will notify you by email, or social media if you entered the competition on a social media platform, within 72 working hours of the closing date. If you do not respond within 72 hours of being notified, you will forfeit your prize and BIOPROM reserves the right to choose another winner. The judges' decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
7. By entering the competition the winner agrees to participate in such promotional activity and material as the BIOPROM may require, including a prize giveaway session in which the participant receives their prize and various press releases.
8. The prize will not be transferable to another person.
9. No part of a prize is exchangeable for cash or any other prize.
10. If an advertised prize is not available, we reserve the right to offer an alternative prize of equal or greater value.
11. Incorrectly completed entries will be disqualified.
12. This competition is being run by the BIOPROM consortium (between the University of Aberdeen and FA), and is funded by the EU framework 7 projects.
13. Please read our Privacy Policy which tells you how we use any personal information we may collect about you by entering a competition.
14. We reserve the right to amend these rules at any time.
15. BIOPROM will endeavour to offer prizes within a month of the competition end date but cannot guarantee this delivery time.



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16. The articles are the intellectual property of the authors and will not be used without their permission.

17. The competition is governed by EU law.



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