With the Support of the SPIE student chapter of Saratov State University and SPIE Focus Grant we announce a competition of best student poster presentation.

The goals of the competition are to encourage the activity of talented young scientists, to promote the professional growth of young people, to raise the prestige of science and technology education, and to involve young people in scientific innovations.

Six winners will be awarded with diplomas and prizes of three grades (one – the first, two – the second, and three – the third).

The competition is opened to students, post-graduates and young researchers under 28 years old.

On the competition all participant should present original scientific works on the SFM-18 conference topics. These works may be done independently as well as in co-authorship.

Competitive work should contain actual results of researches and basic elements of a completed investigation, namely introduction with motivation and formulation of the problems, basic information of the investigation with results and conclusion.

To participate in the competition you will need:

- To be registered on the website [http://sfm.eventry.org/2018/](http://sfm.eventry.org/2018/) and have abstract of your work on the relevant section and to be listed in the SFM program.

- Send to Anton1047@yandex.ru submitted poster in .pdf or .png version of the, as well as a PowerPoint presentation in the 2-3-page in .ppt format that briefly demonstrate the main results of your research. IMPORTANT!!! Sending files it is necessary to write in the subject of the e-mail "Poster competition 2018", otherwise auto sorting of letters will lead to a probability of getting your letter into the spam folder. In the letter also indicate your contact details and place of work / study (necessary for communication in case of absence at the time of awarding).
- During the registration of the Symposium and the School (September 24-25, 2018), should be noted by members of the organizing committee as a participant of the competition, thereby confirming your willingness to participate.

- Readiness to present orally the results of your research with prepared presentation (2-3 slides, 1-2 minutes).

- Present your report on the poster session and be ready to answer the question of expert committee.

**The competition is held in three stages:**

**Stage I** - The reception competitive applications (September 3-23)

**Stage II** - Examination of scientific works for the purpose of selecting winners (September 25-28)

**Stage III** - Winners award (September 28)

The final schedule and schedule of the competition depends on the number of participants and the decision of the organizers of the conference and will be submitted no later than September 20.

The evaluation of scientific works is carried out by a competitive commission, which is appointed by the Organizing Committee. **Attention!!! The poster report is prepared in A1 format (vertical arrangement).**

The participants of the competition present a poster report and answer the questions of the competitive commission. Posters should be hung not later than **1 hour before** the poster session starts.

To clarify additional information you can via e-mail: Anton-1047@yandex.ru and on on the official page SFM-18:

- [https://www.sgu.ru/node/127880](https://www.sgu.ru/node/127880)
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