

ADHESION INNOVATION AWARD 2025

A Joint EURADH and FEICA Award for Innovative Adhesion Science



Selection Rules

Background

- 1) FEICA is the association of the European adhesive and sealant manufacturers and is willing to donate biannually an award which will be selected by the national representatives of EURADH. EURADH is the European conference on all aspects of adhesion science and technology. It is organised rotationally by national adhesion societies which represent presently France, Germany, Portugal, Spain, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom. The daily business of EURADH is carried out by the chair of the next EURADH.
- 2) The award for the first-place winner consists of an amount of 3,000 euros plus a certificate prepared by FEICA. In addition, travel costs to EURADH and the FEICA conference at which the recipient presents his or her work will be reimbursed (the total amount of all expenses are not to exceed 2,000 euros). All financial affairs are directly handled between FEICA and the recipient. The recipient shall agree the costs, e.g. for travel, with FEICA.
- 3) The second-place winner will receive €1,500 and a certificate, while the third-place winner will receive €1,000 and a certificate. All financial affairs are directly handled between FEICA and the recipient.
- 4) EURADH correspondence with FEICA and handling the submissions, including selection procedure, will be carried out by the chair of the next EURADH, at which the prize will be awarded.
- 5) The award will be presented by a representative of FEICA at the respective EURADH.

Recipients

- 1) Applications are invited from young researchers working in adhesion science in Europe who have published outstanding work. This includes masters students, doctoral students, post-

docs, junior professors and researchers associated with universities, research institutes or companies.

- 2) The scope and possible topics are identical to those of the call for papers for the respective EURADH.

Call for applications and application process

- 1) A specific call for applications will be prepared in consultation between the EURADH chair and FEICA. The call will typically be published together with the call for papers for EURADH. Both FEICA and EURADH will distribute the call via their own channels.
- 2) Applicants apply by themselves or can be proposed by submitting the following:
 1. A one-page text covering
 1. Summary of the work and results,
 2. Scientific impact in the specific field / in adhesion science,
 3. Relevance of the work, highlighting benefits to the circular economy, society, economy, sustainability, environment and/or industry.

Each of these three points should take about 1/3 of the page.

2. One publication (a file of the published manuscript, or if the paper has been accepted but not yet published – the letter of acceptance) covering the work in a peer reviewed international journal which has at least been accepted for publication, but which is not more than two years old, with the applicant as first or corresponding author. For publications with multiple authors, this must be accompanied by a declaration of the applicant's contribution.
 3. Short CV (1 page maximum)
 4. Letter of recommendation.
- 3) Submission is electronic, via an internet page. Details will be given in the specific call.
 - 4) Deadline is in due time before EURADH, typically the deadline for paper submission without extension. Details will be given in the specific call.

Selection procedure

- 1) The EURADH chair checks the applications to ensure they are complete and formally correct in consultation with FEICA.
- 2) The EURADH chair distributes the application to the jury and organises the evaluation procedure (including process and deadline of response).
- 3) The jury consists of two representatives per EURADH country. If these have not been nominated by national adhesion societies, the persons representing the national adhesion societies at EURADH will participate in the jury.

- 4) Evaluation criteria are:
 1. How the three topics in the one-page application are addressed.
 2. Impact on adhesion science and technology.
 3. Scientific quality of the work.
 4. Applicant's own contribution and degree of independence, taking the specific degree of education of the applicant into account.
- 5) Each member of the jury awards 5, 3 and 1 points to the three applications which, in his or her opinion, represent the highest, second and third highest quality respectively.
- 6) If an application is from the group of one of the jury members, this person should not vote for this specific application. Instead the mean value of all other votes is added as counterbalance.
- 7) The EURADH chair prepares a rating list after tallying all awarded points. He or she informs the rest of the jury and FEICA about the results. If the result is not clear, for example, if more than one application has the highest number of points, the highest rated applications will be discussed again within the jury.
- 8) The recipient will be informed by the EURADH chair and FEICA that he or she has won the award. After agreement that he or she will accept and fulfil the obligations, the person's name and lecture title will be added to the programme of EURADH and the FEICA conference.

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