

SFLA2017 – YTD Contest rules

1. Contest objectives

The main aim of “Your Thesis in a Dram” (YTD) is to contribute to the **dissemination** of the ongoing researching developed by young researchers to the scientific community.

The YTD participants must describe the key points of their work in a short time and use a language style not only oriented to specialists in their respective topics, but for non-specialized attendants. Thus, the improvement of **communicative and dissemination skills** is also one of the main objectives of this competition.

This event is promoted by the European Society for Fuzzy Logic and Technology (EUSFLAT) and framed into the III European Summer School on Fuzzy Logic and Applications (SFLA 2017), which will be held in Santiago de Compostela from 17-21 July, 2017.

2. Eligibility

Active PhD students of any worldwide institution enrolled in SFLA 2017 are encouraged to take part in YTD. The participants have to fulfill the application form, which must be approved by his/her PhD supervisor(s) and any other person involved in the research as well.

It must be emphasized that for any research bound by **confidentiality clauses**, the participant must make sure that his/her presentation does not violate the aforementioned agreement. This step is sole responsibility of the participant; neither EUSFLAT nor any member of the SFLA 2017 committee will assume any responsibility about the violation of the agreement.

Those students who get any of the EUSFLAT grants for attending the course have to participate mandatorily in YTD.

3. Progression

The competition consists of two stages:

1. Shortlist stage
2. Final stage

3.1 Shortlist stage

In this first stage, the participants have to submit the application form and a short video (max. 1 minute). In this video, which has to be in English, they should emphasize the most relevant aspects or contributions of his/her research from the point of view of their social, commercial or scientific impact. No additional support (such as PowerPoint slides, images, etc.) is allowed in this stage.

The submission must include the CV of the participant and the application form.

The shortlist committee reserves the right of disqualifying any participant who does not follow these rules.

Among all the received submissions, the shortlist committee will select a maximum of nine participants, who will move on to the final stage. These nine participants will be clustered into three categories defined by the shortlist committee, attending to the thematic of the presented applications as well as the candidate profiles.

The list with the participants who pass on to the final stage will be published on **Wednesday, May 31st on the SFLA 2017 webpage.**

Those participants who do not access the final stage will have the chance of presenting his/her research during a Poster session that will be held during the summer school.

The participation in the Poster session is mandatory for EUSFLAT grant holders.

3.2 Final stage

The participants selected for the final stage must register for SFLA 2017 and commit to make a presentation of their own work during the summer school. YTD will be held between 18-20 July, during the “Student Presentations and Discussions” slot scheduled in the SFLA 2017 timetable.

In this stage, there will be a maximum of **3 minutes per participant for oral presentation**. As additional support, **they will be able to use a single static slide** (animations, videos, etc. are not allowed). Those participants who **exceed the 3 minutes** will be disqualified automatically.

There will be a winner for each one of the categories.

4. Application procedure and important dates

The candidates have to fulfill the application form, available at the SFLA 2017 webpage, and submit the documentation (CV and application form) to the following email: sfla2017.summerschool@usc.es, with the subject **[YTD] Name Surname - University**.

All the fields that appear in the form must be fulfilled:

- **PhD student:** Name and surname, email, date of the beginning of the thesis and nationality
- **Title:** Title of the PhD project.
- **Organization:** University, research center, company or institution where the PhD is being developed.
- **Short Summary:** A brief text explaining the most relevant contributions of the PhD according to the contest rules (see Section 1).
- **PhD Supervisor(s):** Name(s) and organization(s).
- **Video:** URL where the video could be visualized (YouTube, Vimeo, Google Drive, Dropbox, etc.)

The important dates for this contest are the following ones:

- Application deadline: **May, 15th, 2017.**
- Shortlist result notification: **May, 31st, 2017.**
- Final stage: **July, 18th-20th, 2017.**

The participation in this competition entails the acceptance of these contest rules and the conformity with the shortlist and final committee decisions (see Section 5). The interpretation of these rules corresponds to the SFLA 2017 organization committee.

5. Committees

In YTD, there are two assessment committees, one for the shortlist stage and other for the final stage.

The shortlist committee will be composed by the following people:

- Martín Pereira-Fariña, SFLA 2017 Research Assistant.
- Alejandro Ramos-Soto, SFLA 2017 Research Assistant.
- Jose M. Alonso, SFLA 2017 General Chair.

The final committee will be composed by three renowned scientists according to the topic of each category. Committee members could be different for each day, but all the participants of each session will be assessed by the same committee.

The audience also will participate in the final stage, since the attendants will be able to qualify each one of the presentations.

6. Assessment criteria

The main criteria for the assessment of the presentations are the following ones:

- Clarity during the presentation of the objectives of the research, its impact and relevance.
- The effective communication skills of the participant, i.e., whether the presentation is made exciting and capture the interest of the public.
- The technical quality of the presentation, attending to the clarity of the slide (if it is used) and adequate management of time and language register.

Both the shortlist, the public and the final committees will follow the aforementioned guidelines.

In the final stage, the participants will get a combined assessment from the shortlist committee (the score achieved in the previous stage), the audience that is attending to the presentations and the final committee. The latter ones will vote through a web form provided for this purpose.

The final score (Maximum: 10 points) will be balance according to the following weights:

- Shortlist score: 10%.
- Final committee score: 50%
- Audience: 40%

7. Awards

The participant with the highest score in each category will get an accreditation certificate and an economic award (to be determined), which will be awarded during the *Closing Session* on Friday, July 21st, 2017.



8. Prize winner duties

The economic awards will be taxed in accordance with the Spanish income tax legislation.

Failure to follow these contest rules may result in the awards revocation and their repayment.

9. Publicity

The contest rules of the current call as well as all the information about the development of this contest will be disseminated through the SFLA Webpage:

<https://citius.usc.es/sfla2017>

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