



Confidentiality Protocol VBI Student Research Awards Master theses 2022

ART.1

Conform article 4 of the regulations of the VBI Student Research Awards students can participate in the competition after handing in:

- a) A short article (max. 400 words)
- b) Their master thesis

ART. 2

Of all candidacies, 4 laureates (3 of FBIW and 1 of FIW) will be selected to defend their work in the final round (2022: October) as specified in article 6 of the regulations of the VBI Student Research Awards. There, the student will deliver:

- a) A public presentation (15 min)
- b) A discussion (5 min)

ART. 3

Hereafter, 'selected for publication' includes the right of VBI to publish the content on several media, including:

- a) Bio-Ingenieus (*i.e.* a journal sent out to more than 6000 alumni every three months)
- b) Websites (VBI and faculty website)
- c) Social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram)
- d) This list is not exhaustive, nor intends to be complete.

ART. 4

Hereafter called 'jury' consists of not necessarily the same carefully selected members, potential scientists with knowledge in the field. These members are always subjected to a confidentiality agreement (see attachment 1).

ART. 5

The **short article** might be selected for publication. The article may be rewritten to get in line with confidentiality issues even after the first deadline (2022: June 12th).

The content of the **master thesis** itself will never be made public, however it will be reviewed by a jury that is subjected to a confidentiality agreement (see attachment 1). The title and names of (co-)promotor(s) of the master thesis can be selected for publication.



ART. 6

The final round consists of a **public presentation** of which all confidential elements can be omitted by the student. The presentation and **discussion** will be reviewed by a jury that is subjected to a confidentiality agreement (see attachment 1). The audience will mostly consist of colleagues and family and will therefore not be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement. During the presentation, VBI will take pictures which can be selected for publication.

ART. 7

The student is responsible in accordance with his/her (co-)promotor(s) of omitting all confidential elements during the full procedure of the VBI Student Research Awards, including the short article, public presentation and discussion.

ART. 8

If the above conditions cannot be met, the candidacy of the students master thesis will be rejected.

ART. 9

After agreement of promotor and student of this confidentiality protocol, VBI can publish the content selected for publication of ART. 5,6 and 7 as stated in ART. 3.

ART. 10

VBI cannot be held responsible for any infringements against confidentiality by any third party.

Signed for agreement by + date:

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(Student)

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(Promotor)



Attachment 1: Confidentiality Agreement Jury members VBI Student Research Awards 2022

Date:

Parties:

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(the Recipient)

and

Vereniging voor ingenieurs van de faculteit landbouwkundige toegepaste biologische wetenschappen van de K.U.Leuven vzw, an association registered in Belgium under business number 0455001264 whose registered office is at Kasteelpark Arenberg 20, 3001 Heverlee.

(the Discloser)

ART.1

The Discloser intends to disclose information (the Confidential Information) to the Recipient for the purpose of the organization of the VBI Student Research Awards. This will include the review of confidential master theses, short articles, presentation and discussion (the Purpose).

ART. 2

The Recipient undertakes not to use the Confidential Information for any purpose except the Purpose, without first obtaining the written agreement of the Discloser.

ART. 3

The Recipient undertakes to keep the Confidential Information secure and not to disclose it to any third party except who need to know the same for the Purpose, who know they owe a duty of confidence to the Discloser and who are bound by obligations equivalent to those in ART. 2 above and this ART. 3.

ART. 4

The undertakings in ART. 2 and 3 above apply to all of the information disclosed by the Discloser to the Recipient, regardless of the way or form in which it is disclosed or recorded but they do not apply to:

- a) any information which is or in future comes into the public domain (unless as a result of the breach of this Agreement); or



- b) any information which is already known to the Recipient and which was not subject to any obligation of confidence before it was disclosed to the Recipient by the Discloser.

ART. 5

Nothing in this Agreement will prevent the Recipient from making any disclosure of the Confidential Information required by law or by any competent authority.

ART. 6

The Recipient will, on request from the Discloser, return all copies and records of the Confidential Information to the Discloser and will not retain any copies or records of the Confidential Information.

ART. 7

Neither this Agreement nor the supply of any information grants the Recipient any license, interest or right in respect of any intellectual property rights of the Discloser except the right to copy the Confidential Information solely for the Purpose.

ART. 8

The undertakings in ART. 2 and 3 will continue in force for 5 years from the date of this Agreement.

ART. 9

This Agreement is governed by, and is to be construed in accordance with, Belgian law. The Belgian Courts will have non-exclusive jurisdiction to deal with any dispute which has arisen or may arise out of, or in connection with, this Agreement.

ART. 10

VBI cannot be held responsible for any infringements against confidentiality by any third party.

Signed and Delivered as a Deed by:

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