INFER Annual Conference

INFER Policy Research Award

An *INFER Policy Research Award* consisting of €500 will be made to the presenter of the best policy paper at each *INFER* Annual Conference. This prize is sponsored by Asimmetrie [www.asimmetrie.org], which is a strategic partner of *INFER*.

Eligibility:

In order for a paper to be considered for the *Policy Research Award*, the following eligibility criteria must be met:

- The presenter must be an *INFER* member at the time of the Annual Conference;
- The paper must have a clear policy focus with relevant policy implications based on an excellent research methodology;

Process:

The *Policy Research Award* is awarded to outstanding policy papers presented at the *INFER* Annual Conference. The *Award* will be made during the Annual Conference, with the presentation of the *Award* made at the conference dinner.

All papers that fulfill the eligibility criteria are read by members of the Selection Committee and evaluated against the criteria set out below.

Selection Criteria:

Papers will be reviewed and judged based on the criteria described below. Each paper will be given a score of 0 – 10 (where 0 is the lowest and 10 is the highest score) against each criterion.

The score allocated to each paper by each reviewer shall be multiplied by the weighting and then added. The highest scoring paper shall be selected for the *Policy Research Award*. Where two or more papers receive the same total score, the paper which has the highest score in the highest weighted criteria shall be selected for the prize. If the papers are still tied, the highest score in the second highest weighted criteria will be selected for the award, and so until a winner is found.

Criteria:

- **Originality (weighting 40%)**
  Originality of contribution to knowledge with an emphasis on the paper's innovativeness in policy development and implementation

- **Quality of Argument (weighting 30%)**
  Quality of argument incorporating; (i) critical analysis of concepts, theories and findings, and (ii) consistency and coherency of debate

- **Positioning (weighting 15%)**
  Clear positioning of paper in existing international literature with a conclusion(s) that is both convincing and of significant policy implications

- **Writing Style (weighting 15%)**
  Quality of writing style in term of accuracy, clarity, readability, and organisation of the paper