

EURAXESS – Voice of the Researchers' Conference
“Raising Researchers' Voices - opinions on jobs, careers and rights”

EURAXESS ERA Slam



Submit your video now!

The EURAXESS ERA Slam is a slam about your research career, i.e. issues affecting modern research, research careers, mobility, funding and policy in the European Research Area (ERA). It is not about your research field!

Every selected participant will present a topic related to the above to an audience of non-experts. The slam will be given in English in up to 5 minutes and can be supported by video and audio material, ppt. slides and any other kind of media available.

The performances of the slammers will be voted by conference participants. The winner will be awarded an invitation to the ESOF conference in Copenhagen in July 2014 as speaker and guest.

The event is open to researchers of all nationalities currently based in Europe active in all fields of research.

If you are a researcher currently based in Europe, enter the competition by uploading a 30 second video featuring your slam on YouTube and send the link directly to: conference@euraxess.org by Friday 20th September 2013, 5.00 PM CET.

See the 'Terms and Conditions' below for details about the event and how to participate.

ERA Slam

Terms and Conditions

1. To enter the competition participants must be:

- a) 18 years old or older at the time of entry;
- b) Currently completing their doctoral research or have recently completed their doctoral research (completion not earlier than 2008);
- c) Currently residing in Europe (28 EU Member States and Associated Countries for FP7)¹;
- d) Willing and able to participate in the ERA Slam that will be held in Brussels (Belgium) on 21st November 2013. Economy return flights (1 ticket per person) and hotel accommodation (2 nights) will be booked and paid for by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation for the finalists not resident Brussels.

2. The competition is open to participants from all nationalities and all scientific disciplines.

3. Only one entry per person.

4. To enter the competition participants are invited to upload their slam (max 30 second video) on YouTube and post a link to: conference@euraxess.org .

5. Submissions are possible from 20th July to 20th September 2013.

6. The conference's organiser, the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, accepts no responsibility for entries that are defective, lost or delayed, or which are not received for any reason.

7. The jury will select up to 8 finalists from all submissions received by the end of the submission deadline. Submitted videos will be assessed based on the following criteria, all of equal importance:

- Accessibility for non-experts
- Conceptualization of slam
- Presentation style
- Originality

The "production quality" (image quality, quality of the support material or equipment etc.) will not be a selection criteria, as long as the resolution, light and sound quality allow the jury to see and hear the performance clearly. Videos shot with smartphones, webcams and any video recording devices will all be accepted.

8. Selected slammers will be notified by e-mail at the beginning of October. The judges' decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

¹ Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The UK, Switzerland, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Norway, Moldova, Republic of Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania, FYRoMacedonia, Turkey, Israel,

9. The finalists (up to 8) will compete at the EURAXESS – Voice of the Researchers Conference to be held on 21st and 22nd November, in the AREA 42, Rue des Palais, 1030 Brussels (BE). Economy return flights and hotel accommodation (2 nights) will be booked and paid for by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation.

The selected slammers will present live in front of a non-expert audience composed of members of the research community and of the wider public.

- The presentations will be done by one person only.
- Every presentation will be done in English.
- A prize will be awarded to the best performer as decided by the audience through voting system.
- Each presentation shall not exceed 5 minutes.
- Presentations can be supported by video and audio material, ppt. slides and any other kind of media available, in accordance with the venue's capacity and security measures.

10. The presentations/performances of the finalists will be assessed based on the following criteria, all of equal importance:

- Accessibility for non-experts
- Conceptualization of slam
- Presentation style
- Originality

11. The panel of judges for the on-line competition will be comprised of a team of administrators from the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, as well as EURAXESS – Voice of the Researchers members.

12. The first prize will be an invitation to the ESOF conference in Copenhagen in July 2014 as speaker and guest.