

## **Official Rules of the MKES 2025**

### **Special Award for Outstanding and Versatile Achievements in Welding and Energy**

#### **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The International Energy and Welding Congress in Żory announces the annual competition for the MKES Award for outstanding achievements in the field of welding and energy.

The organizer of the Competition is Międzynarodowy Kongres Energetyczno - Spawalniczy w Żorach (eng.: the International Energy and Welding Congress in Żory), headquartered in Żory (44-240), at Boczna street 8 (hereinafter referred to as "the Organizer").

The purpose of the Competition is to support and promote the most outstanding scholars, scientists, and industry professionals who conduct research and implement innovations in the fields of welding and energy. Their work and scientific achievements serve as inspiration for younger generations.

#### **II. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Competition is open to individuals without age, nationality, or educational restrictions, who demonstrate the potential to advance their field, serve as role models for younger generations, and are distinguished by their work and contributions to progress and development.

Previous laureates cannot be nominated for subsequent editions.

#### **III. NOMINATION PROCESS**

The nomination phase begins on October 21, 2024. Any person can nominate candidates for the award through members of the Competition Jury and the MKES Organizing Committee. After initial verification, candidates who meet the criteria will advance to the next stage.

In the next phase, the pre-verified nominations that have been approved by individual members of the Jury and the Committee will be sent via email to the address: [biuro@mkes.pl](mailto:biuro@mkes.pl) by December 15, 2024. Each Jury and Committee member is required to submit at least one nomination, either independently or based on recommendations.

The nomination should include at least:

1. A descriptive submission of the candidate (who – personal and contact details, what achievement, how it contributes to the development of welding/energy),
2. At least one recommendation.

Additionally, it is appreciated if the nomination includes:

3. The candidate's scientific CV,
4. A list of the candidate's scientific publications,
5. A list of the candidate's scientific achievements (excluding publications).

Please title the nomination email: "Nomination for the MKES 2025 Award."

Nominations must be submitted between October 21, 2024, and December 15, 2024.

Late submissions will not be considered.

#### **IV. COMPETITION PROCESS**

After gathering all nominations by December 15, 2024, they will be forwarded to the members of the Competition Jury on December 16–17, 2024. Each Jury member will award points to their top three candidates according to the following scale: 3 points – 1st place, 2 points – 2nd place, 1 point – 3rd place. Jury members must send their results to the Chairman of the Competition Jury, Dr. hab. inż. Jacek Górka, prof. PŚ, at [Jacek.Gorka@polsl.pl](mailto:Jacek.Gorka@polsl.pl) by January 30, 2025.

After counting the votes, the Chairman of the Jury will announce the three finalists in an online meeting, who will be invited to MKES 2025 (full package). The winner will be announced at MKES 2025 and will have the opportunity to deliver a lecture, which is optional.

The Competition Jury reserves the right not to award the prize in a given edition.

The winner of the Competition will receive:

1. A unique statuette and certificate,
2. A cash prize of 5,000 PLN.

The award is granted by the Competition Jury, appointed by the Director of the International Energy and Welding Congress in Żory.

The Competition Jury will consist of no more than 12 members (announced during the 65th International Welding Conference in Katowice on October 16, 2024) with qualifications and expertise in the fields of welding and energy sciences, as well as a Secretary who does not have voting rights.

The tasks of the Competition Jury include:

1. Verifying the correctness of the nominations,
2. Evaluating the substantive content of the submitted nominations,
3. Selecting the laureate and awarding the prizes.

The Competition Jury evaluates the nominations based on the role, significance, and impact of the research and achievements, including those confirmed by scientific publications, presentations, or implementations.

Jury members are obliged to maintain the confidentiality of the information and data obtained during the performance of their duties, except for publicly available information.

The decision of the Competition Jury is final and not subject to appeal.

The announcement of the laureates and the award ceremony will take place during the International Energy and Welding Congress in Żory.

#### **V. FINAL PROVISIONS**

These Rules come into effect once accepted by the Chairman of the MKES Award Jury.

The Organizer is not responsible for events preventing the Competition from being held due to force majeure or circumstances beyond its control, or those that cannot be avoided without incurring additional costs.

The Organizer reserves the right to cancel the Competition without providing a reason.

### **Information Clause on the Processing of Contest Participants' Personal Data**

In accordance with Article 13 (1) and (2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR) we inform you that:

The controller of your personal data is Międzynarodowy Kongres Energetyczno - Spawalniczy w Żorach, located at ul. Boczna street 8, 44-240 Żory.

Contact with the Data Protection Officer is available at the following address: Boczna street 8, 44-240 Żory. Your personal data will be processed:

- for the purpose of organizing and conducting the MKES Award competition for outstanding achievements in the field of welding and energy, based on Article 6(1)(e) GDPR – processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest;
- for fulfilling the legal obligation of the controller, especially regarding documentation archiving, based on Article 6(1)(c) GDPR in conjunction with the National Archives Act of July 14, 1983;
- for documenting and promoting the Competition, based on consent.

The Organizer will process the following categories of personal data: name, phone number, email address.

The recipients of your data will be members of the Competition Committee, technical and IT service providers for the Organizer, and institutions authorized by law or based on agreements.

Your personal data will be retained for the period necessary to fulfill the purpose for which it was collected. The data retention period will be 5 full years after the end of the Competition in the given edition.

You have the right to request access, correction, or deletion of your data. You also have the right to object and restrict data processing. The scope of these rights and the situations in which they may be exercised are determined by law.

You have the right to withdraw your consent for data processing at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the President of the Personal Data Protection Office if you believe that the processing of your personal data violates GDPR.

Providing your personal data is necessary to participate in the Competition and to achieve the objectives mentioned in point III. The provision of personal data for these purposes is voluntary.

Your personal data will not be used for profiling or automated decision-making.