**Attachment 1**

**2024 APORS Young Researcher Best Paper Award (Guideline)**

**Policy**

2024 APORS Young Researcher Best Paper Awards will be awarded to young researchers of **no more than 40 years old (born after January 1, 1984)**, when the paper was published on the basis of a research paper in any area of Operational Research.

The distribution of awards for each track is as follows: **one best paper for each track.** To be specific, the best papers for Collaborative Progress Award shall be awarded to the papers collaboratively authored by persons at least from two different APORS member societies in order to encourage collaboration between APORS members.

**Award**

The Awards for each of the winners is a distinct honor, including a certificate, and a coupon of book published by the sponsor Springer worth no more than Euro 250.

As a remarkable opportunity for recognition, the prize-winners will have the privilege to extend the work of their best papers and publish their monographs through Springer. This esteemed platform offers a valuable avenue to share their groundbreaking research with a wider audience, contributing to the advancement of knowledge in the field of operational research.

**Eligibility**

The entries will consist of research papers that were published in a peer reviewed journal during a specific time period (usually **between two and three years ago**). For instance, 2024 APORS Young Researcher Best Paper Award will be considered from research papers published in 2021 and 2022. At least one of the authors(s) of the submitted paper must be a member of a member society of APORS.

**Applications**

All applications should be submitted by **nominating society** or **the member of APORS Youths Activity Group (APYAG)** (the member list is in Attachment 3) to the following email boxes **scretariat@apors.org, apors-awards@amss.ac.cn,** and forwarded to **ykcheng@amss.ac.cn** with title “Nomination for 20204 APORS Young Researcher Best Paper Award” by the due date set in the announcement.

To be considered, candidate papers should be nominated by APORS member societies. At most four papers can be nominated by each APORS member society and at most two papers can be nominated by each member of APYAG. The nominator of each research paper is asked to provide the jury with the following information, as far as possible in electronic version:

1. Each applicant should submit “2024 APORS Young Researcher Best Paper Award Summary Sheet” (Attachment 2).
2. A copy of the full paper published. The paper should be written in English and should include precise keywords. Each paper should be pointed out to which category of APORS Young Researcher Best Paper Award is applied for (Theoretical or Computational; Practical Application; Research Cooperation).
3. Recommendation letters (or reports) from two professional referees (may be the nominator), supporting the submission and stating their assessment of why the thesis should win the prize.
4. An up-to-date CV of the candidate, including a list of publications.