

IFITT AWARDS 2019 – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The International Federation for Information Technology and Travel & Tourism (IFITT) is pleased to announce that it will sponsor a series of awards to be presented at the ENTER2019 eTourism conference, which will be held from 30th January to 1st February, 2019 in Nicosia, Cyprus (see the conference website for details: www.enter2019.org). Please find below detailed information about each of the awards, the processes, and the respective submission deadlines.

Hannes Werthner Tourism and Technology Lifetime Achievement Award

This award will be given at the ENTER2019 conference to an individual from academia, industry or government who has made significant contributions to the advancement of the field/practice of tourism and technology. Representatives of the IFITT Board will make the selection. The winner will receive an award trophy and will be invited to attend the ENTER2019 conference including the gala dinner. The winner will also receive an acknowledgement on the IFITT and ENTER websites and an individual IFITT membership for one year.

Individuals have to be nominated by an IFITT member. Please submit nominations with a biographical statement about the nominee to Estela Marine-Roig (estela.marine@aegern.udl.cat) by October 31, 2018.

Thesis Excellence Award

Award will be presented at the ENTER2019 conference to a Master and a PhD thesis in the field of tourism and technology successfully defended between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018 (ranked first, second, and third, respectively). The selection will be made by the ENTER PhD workshop committee. The winners will receive a certificate, an acknowledgement on the IFITT and ENTER website, and an individual IFITT membership for one year. The winners must attend the ENTER2019 PhD workshop and the first PhD winner has to present the winning thesis there.

If a winning author is not able to attend the PhD workshop, the award will be given to the next ranked thesis.

Students may be nominated by IFITT members. To nominate a student for this award, send a 1000-word thesis abstract (in English), a brief biographical note about the student and a recommendation letter from the advisor to Estela Marine-Roig (estela.marine@aegern.udl.cat) by October 31, 2018.

JITT Article of the Year Award by IFITT

Sponsored by the International Federation for IT and Travel & Tourism (IFITT), this inaugural award will be given at the ENTER2019 conference to an article published in the Journal of Information Technology & Tourism in the calendar year 2018. An invited panel consisting of JITT editorial board members will evaluate and make the recommendation to the IFITT board. The winning author(s) will receive a certificate and a 500-euro check, and will be recognized on the IFITT and ENTER websites.

At least one of the winning authors must attend the ENTER2019 conference.

Papers may be nominated by IFITT members. One nomination only per person. Self-nominations are allowed. A complete citation for the paper in APA style together with a pdf file of the article should be sent by January 1, 2019 to Estela Marine-Roig (estela.marine@aegern.udl.cat). To qualify, the paper must have been published between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018 (online pre-publication is acceptable).



Journal Paper of the Year Award

This award will be given at the ENTER2018 conference to an eTourism-related paper published in an academic journal during the year 2018, which has distinguished itself due to its innovativeness and scientific rigor. An invited panel consisting of prominent researchers representing different areas of expertise will be established to judge the merits of nominated papers and make recommendations to the IFITT Board. Depending upon the number of the nominated papers, the IFITT Board may select up to three winning journal papers (ranked first, second, and third, respectively). The winning papers will receive one certificate for each of the listed (co)authors and will be acknowledged on the IFITT and ENTER websites

The winner(s) must attend the ENTER2019 conference.

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In addition to these awards, ENTER2019 will also present awards to the **Best Research Papers** and the **Best PhD Proposal**. To qualify for the best paper award, you need to submit a full paper and register for the conference by the indicated deadlines. To be eligible for the PhD proposal award, you must be a PhD student at a recognized university-level institution and submit a proposal to the PhD workshop by the deadline indicated on the respective call for proposals. The winners will receive a certificate and will be acknowledged on the IFITT and ENTER websites

ETourism industry contribution IFITT Award (for local organizations)

The award will recognize local companies, destination marketing organizations (DMOs) or other local organizations that have made a significant contribution, by providing digital solutions, to the growth and success of technology adoption, integration, or use in the hospitality and tourism industry and in tourist destinations. To participate in these awards organizations (companies and DMOs) must be local, in this case Cypriot. This award will be presented at the ENTER 2019 conference.

Depending upon the number and merits of the nominated organizations, the IFITT Board may select up to three winning organizations (ranked first, second, and third, respectively), and might request inputs by the IFITT community. The award for the first place in each category includes an award trophy, a certificate, an acknowledgement on the IFITT and ENTER websites, and corporate IFITT membership for one year. The second and third place winners will receive a certificate, an acknowledgement on the IFITT and ENTER websites, and a corporate IFITT membership for one year.

The winners must attend the ENTER 2019 Conference and present their cases.

Organizations may be nominated by IFITT members and non-members. To nominate an organization for this award, please send a brief description of the organization, their contributions to eTourism and Information Technology in tourism, and contact details to Estela Marine-Roig (estela.marine@aegern.udl.cat) by October 31, 2018.