

Additional information “Best Papers Awards” Competition 2025

1. The best papers (Works) are selected, based on their content and significance, not the bibliometric data, by Institute's Laboratory Leaders.
2. Only papers with at least one corresponding author affiliated with the International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology in Warsaw should be submitted.
3. The Works published or accepted for publication in the calendar year preceding the year in which a particular edition of the Competition is held may be submitted to the Competition. Any Work can be submitted to the Competition only once.
4. The list and files in PDF format with papers nominated to the Award from a given laboratory are sent by Laboratory Leaders to **Agnieszka Wilamowska** (awilamowska@iimcb.gov.pl). Along with the submitted files, Laboratory Leaders send the authors' consents for participation in the Competition and for the proceeding and publication of personal data in accordance with the Competition Regulations (Appendix 2 to the Regulations). Each paper should be accompanied by a very short (2-3 sentences) supporting statement of its importance (**by December 22, 2025**).
5. There is no limit on the number of the papers submitted from each laboratory.
6. A full list and the PDF files of all the papers submitted for the Award (together with the supporting statements) are sent to all Laboratory Leaders by **Agnieszka Wilamowska** along with the online form for secret ballot until **December 29, 2025**.
7. Each Laboratory Leader shall read all papers submitted and choose those which in his/her view deserve the Award. Laboratory Leaders cannot vote for the papers from their own laboratory.
8. Laboratory Leaders are advised to consider, to the best of their knowledge, the actual participation of the Institute investigators in the paper. This is to reward papers with significant participation of the authors affiliated with the Institute.
9. Votes are submitted by secret ballot via an online form by **January 8, 2026**. Agnieszka Wilamowska prepares the ranking based on the number of votes for each paper.
10. The voting rules are as follows:
 - 1) Laboratory Leaders cannot vote for papers from their own laboratory.
 - 2) Each Laboratory Leader has five votes in total with the following importance:
 - a) one vote worth 5 points
 - b) one vote worth 4 points
 - c) one vote worth 3 points
 - d) one vote worth 2 points
 - e) one vote worth 1 point
 - 3) Each vote may be used only once.
 - 4) Importance of points: 5 points have the highest importance, while 1 point has the lowest importance.
11. The results will be discussed at the Laboratory Leaders meeting on **January 12, 2026**, during which, after the second secret ballot, the list of final winning papers is approved.
12. The list of awarded Works will be announced **on January 16, 2026**.
13. The awarded papers shall receive as follows:
 - 1) 1 place **50,000 PLN**
 - 2) 2 place **30,000 PLN**
 - 3) 3 place **20,000 PLN**