



# INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF NEMATOLOGY SOCIETIES

## IFNS Three Minute Thesis (3MT<sup>®</sup>) Competition

### **Submission Date Extended!**

The IFNS is delighted to announce that it will organize a virtual 3MT<sup>®</sup> competition open to all graduate students working in Nematology. Twenty videos will be selected to appear on the IFNS website, and the authors will be entered in a live competition. **The first-, second-, and third-place speakers will receive ICN 2022 Bursaries** (unless already in receipt of a bursary) and be awarded plaques during the 7<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Nematology in Antibes, France (1-6 May 2022). Additional bursaries may be awarded depending on availability.

The objective of this IFNS 3MT<sup>®</sup> competition is to cultivate student academic and research communication skills, and to enhance overall awareness of nematodes and the science of nematology. The applicants are expected to effectively explain their research in three minutes, in a language appropriate to a non-specialist audience.

Students wishing to participate in this competition should send an email to Eric Grenier ([eric.grenier@inrae.fr](mailto:eric.grenier@inrae.fr)) with their name, Email, laboratory address, title of their thesis and a link to download their video (see rules below for video submission). **Applications will be open till 1 October 2021.**

The video presentations will be ranked by IFNS councilors in order to select the best 20. A live Zoom presentation by these 20 speakers will occur in late October/early November (date to be determined) and winning presentations will be selected. Awards will be announced before January 2022.

#### **Rules for Video submission**

- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes.
- Presentations commence when a presenter begins to speak (i.e., not as soon as the video appears).
- Videos must meet the following criteria:
  - ✓ Filmed on the horizontal;
  - ✓ Filmed on a plain background;
  - ✓ Filmed from a static position;
  - ✓ Filmed from one camera angle;

- A single static slide is permitted in the presentation (no slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any kind). The slide is to be presented from the beginning of the presentation.
- The 3 minute audio must be continuous – no sound edits or breaks.
- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment and animated backgrounds) are permitted within the recording.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g. no poems, raps or songs) and will be in English.
- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted within the video recording.
- Recording your presentation can be done using a camera and or handheld video recorder however most phones allow you to record through the camera function and most computers have recording ability (via camera or webcam) using inbuilt programs. Online programs which you might also like to consider: Zoom - see how to record yourself via Zoom.

Please note: competitors will not be judged on video/recording quality. Judging will focus on the presentation, ability to communicate research to a non-specialist audience, and 3MT PowerPoint slide.