**Best Master’s thesis procedure 2020:**

BAPS annually sponsors an award for the **best master thesis in Psychology**. The purpose of the award is to recognize master theses which use a scientific approach and make an original contribution to any field in psychology (clinical, social, cognitive, modelling, developmental, industrial, etc.). The winner of the Best Master Thesis Award receives €500.

**Elligiblity**

Candidates must have a Master degree in psychology from a psychology department of a Belgian University. Only master theses written in French, Dutch or English are eligible. The degree must be obtained in the academic year that precedes the award year (e.g., to enter this year competition, the thesis must have been completed during the 2018-2019 academic year). The thesis must have been awarded a grade of at least 16/20. Furthermore, candidates must be members of BAPS for the year 2019 (or have applied to become a member before the submission deadline). By participating, the candidates accept the general conditions of the award.

**Procedure for the candidates**

Candidates must submit an electronic copy of their thesis as well as a summary of the thesis. The **summary** should be written in English and should not exceed **1,000 words**. Candidates are allowed to include a maximum of 3 tables or figures, as well as up to 40 references (these are not included in the word count). The summary should clearly convey the theoretical basis of the work, the methods, the main results, and a discussion of the main findings.

Candidates should also include a statement regarding their specific contributions and the role of their promotor (and daily supervisor) in the development of the research idea, the writing-up of the theoretical introduction and the general discussion, as well as their contribution to the statistical analyses. This section should not exceed **200 words**, and should be approved and signed by the promotor. All documents for the application need to be send to xxx (the member of the BAPS EC in charge).

**Procedure for the Executive Committee**

Upon reception of the application, each candidate received a confirmation of receipt.

One member of the EC checked candidates’ eligibility. Then, the evaluation followed a **two-step** procedure. As a first step, each application was evaluated on the basis of the summary of the thesis by three members of the BAPS executive committee chosen for (1) the relevance of their fields of expertise (2) among members that do not belong to the same university as the candidate. Based on this evaluation, the best 2-4 thesis were shortlisted. As a second step, the full thesis of shortlisted candidates was evaluated by a jury composed of members of the National committee for psychology at RASAB (ROYAL ACADEMIES FOR SCIENCE AND THE ARTS OF BELGIUM). The BAPS president sent the folders of the shortlisted candidates to the President of the National committee for psychology at RASAB, which decided about the most appropriate jury depending of the topics of the shortlisted theses.