INTERNATIONAL PASCAL CONGRESS 2026

CALL FOR

THE NIKLAUS WIRTH AWARD FOR

THE MOST VALUABLE PASCAL CONTRIBUTOR

The International Pascal Congress (IPC) considers it essential to implement measures that promote the development of Pascal and technologies based on this language within the computer science field. Among these actions is the creation of awards to stimulate and strengthen the Pascal community. The IPC will grant one award in honour of Niklaus Wirth, a pioneer in the creation of programming languages and the designer of Pascal. The Niklaus Wirth Award for the Most Valuable Pascal Contributor to Pascal is intended to recognise individuals who have made decisive contributions to improving, developing, and strengthening the community of those who use Pascal programming languages in any variant to develop software.

RULES

- With the collaboration of sponsors, the International Pascal Congress announces the Niklaus Wirth 2026 Award for the Most Valuable Pascal Contributor.

- The award consists of public recognition in the society with a statuette and a financial award for the winner during the IPC 2026 on 22nd June 2026. The IPC will pay for the winner to attend the event.

- A public jury of renowned members of the Pascal community will select the winner of the Niklaus Wirth Award 2026 for the Most Valuable Pascal Contributor from among all the candidates.

- The award may be declared void if, in the opinion of the jury, none of the candidates is sufficiently qualified to merit the award.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Anyone over 18 years of age may apply for the prize. The prize may not be awarded posthumously. The candidate must have explicitly agreed to the rules and to be nominated for the prize.

- If the candidate wins, he/she agrees to give a plenary lecture in person after receiving the prize on a topic of his/her choice related to Pascal programming languages or technologies associated with the Pascal family.

METHOD AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

- Nominations must be submitted from 2nd January 2026 to 16th June 2026 in pdf format to the awards e-mail address: NW_award2023@pascalcongress.com.

- The application should consist of the following documents:

  - Application form signed by the nominator and candidate

  - Curriculum vitae of the candidate (max 2 pages)

  - Brief summary of the candidate's most important contributions and why he/she should win (max 2 pages)

  - Support letters (optional)

JURY OF THE AWARDS

- The jury will be composed of:

  - Seven professionals from the software industry or members of a university, with recognised experience in the world of Pascal. The jury's decision is final, and the jury may, if necessary, declare the award void, as stated above. The resolution of the prize will be communicated directly to the winner and the results will also be made public on the website of the International Pascal Congress.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE WINNER

- The winner of the Niklaus Wirth Award for the Most Valuable Pascal Contributor granted by the International Pascal Congress is obliged to attend the conference in person to collect the award and to give a lecture on his or her work in the Pascal world or proposals for the future of Pascal. In the event of noncompliance with this condition, except in cases of force majeure, the prize may be withdrawn.

- Candidates for the call for entries must accept the above rules. The interpretation and application of these rules are the responsibility of the jury of the awards. This jury is empowered to make decisions about conditions not expressly included in these rules.

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