

3MT-like initiative

The three minutes thesis competition (3MT) is a research communication competition where PhD students have three minutes to present a compelling oration on their thesis and its significance. It is an exercise for students to consolidate their ideas so they can present them concisely to a non-specialist audience. Together with scientific and technical quality, EURASIP wants to promote transversal skills of PhD researchers such as oral and presentation skills, also it wants to help PhDs to gain visibility of their work. For this reason EURASIP devises two main involvements: 3MT first prize sponsorship and 3MT EUSIPCO competition.

a) 3MT first prize sponsorship:

EURASIP encourages its members to organize 3MT either in their institutions: University, PhD school, Academia, Research Centre or in any conference, workshop, seasonal school or research event. Prizes are an important incentive for students entering the competition and EURASIP will give a 1.500 euros research travel grant to the first prize so that this PhD or PhD student can attend next year's EUSIPCO. Details on how to start a 3MT competition can be found at (<http://threeminutethesis.org/index.html?page=193688&pid=193447>).

b) 3MT EUSIPCO competition

It will be held as a Special Session devoted to this competition and can be organized by EUSIPCO organizers jointly with EURASIP. The following basic rules should apply:

- Eligibility: any PhD student is her/his last year by the 3MT registration deadline
- The competition will be announced in both EUSIPCO and EURASIP web pages
- Registration will require the submission of a video
- Acceptance of participation will be based on the submitted video and final registration confirmation
- The video of the winners will be posted on EURASIP video channel
- Those PhD who are accepted to participate in EUSIPCO only by the video submission will be requested to submit also a related paper, which will be published in the proceedings in a Special Session of 3MT contest.

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