

MEDICAL & BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING & COMPUTING SPECIAL ISSUE ON SHOULDER BIOMECHANICS

Terms of participation and selection procedure

Here follow the terms of participation and the selection procedure established for the special issue in *Medical & Biological Engineering & Computing (MBEC)*, gathering the best works submitted to the ISG 2008. For further information, write to isg2008@inail-starter.org.

- 1) **Title of the issue:** Shoulder biomechanics in medicine, ergonomics and sport;
- 2) **Content:** the special issue will contain 10-12 original papers, concerning state-of-the-art developments in shoulder and upper-limb biomechanics. Each paper will adhere to the *Instructions for Authors - Original Papers* of MBEC. In particular, each paper will not exceed 6000 words (including title page, abstract, text, references, tables, and figure legends);
- 3) **Paper selection:** the ISG 2008 conference organizers will ask the authors whose abstracts have been accepted as oral presentation, to provide, **before 26th May 2008**, original full papers on their work, following the MBEC guidelines. Papers submission and review process will be dealt with via Editorial Manager© (<http://mbec.edmgr.com> - the Springer's web-based submission system). To guarantee the highest scientific quality, at least two reviewers will be assigned to each paper and the standard review process will be followed. To ensure fast publication times, reviewers will be asked to provide their comments within three weeks. The papers, accepted for publication but not included in the special issue, might be published in other regular issues of MBEC, to the discretion of the MBEC Editor-in-Chief. As soon as individual papers are accepted, they will appear on-line and will be citable.
- 4) **Costs of publications:** no charges will be due to the publisher if a paper remains within the limits assigned for the number of pages and if it does not require colour plates. Extra pages and colour plates, if required, will be directly charged to the authors of the papers.

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ISG – MBEC YOUNG INVESTIGATORS AWARDS

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Here follow the terms of participation and the selection procedure fixed to assign the two young investigators awards available for the ISG 2008, sponsored by the Biomedical Engineering Group of the University of Bologna and by Springer Verlag:

- 1) *Young investigator best fundamental research paper;*
- 2) *Young investigator best applied research paper.*

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1) Winners selection: the two winners will be chosen among the papers selected for publication in the ISG 2008 Special Issue of MBEC. All first authors under the age of 32 are eligible. Authors willing to participate to the prizes, have to provide a declaration to this regard in the submission letter accompanying the submission of the paper.

2) Scientific Committee: the winners will be chosen by a scientific committee, formed by Prof. Angelo Cappello, Prof. Lorenzo Chiari, one member of the ISG Board and by the Editor-in-Chief of *Medical & Biological Engineering & Computing (MBEC)*.

3) Prizes: The papers of the two winners will bring the statement “ISG-MBEC Best fundamental research paper” and “ISG-MBEC Best applied research paper”. Each winner will receive a cheque of 500€ and his/her paper will be “Open Access”, that is it will be freely downloadable for everyone from the MBEC website.

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