

AVETRA Journal Article of the Year

A 'VET Journal Article of the Year' award has been instituted, which is awarded each year at the AVETRA conference for papers published the previous year. The aim of the award is to recognise excellent scholarship on the part of an AVETRA member, and to help to raise the profile of the scholarly work being done by AVETRA members. The winner is awarded a certificate and a plaque.

Applications

Rules

Current-year financial AVETRA members only are eligible to apply. Members must have been a financial member in both the year of the paper's publication and the year in which the award is made.

Only papers in peer-reviewed journals that have a publication date of the previous calendar year are eligible (ie for the award presented in 2013, papers are to have been published in 2012, and so on)

Only papers on the ERA list as current at the time of the call for entries are eligible for entry.

Process

Call for submissions are at the end of January each year. Members are to submit **no more than one** of their journal articles to the AVETRA secretariat by the 20th February each year for judging to take place during March. The entry is to be accompanied by a cover sheet and the cover sheet will be dated by the secretariat on receipt.

Entrants must provide an e-copy of the paper as approved for publication (eg from the journal web site, or scanned copy of hard copy, or failing that from a university's institutional repository). This is the responsibility of the author.

For joint-authored papers, **only the first author may submit the paper** and must get signatures or emails from other authors to agree to submission. These permissions must be submitted with the paper.

No two authors can submit separate papers from the same research project.

No extension to the closing date is allowed.

A chair of the process (who will be an AVETRA Executive member) and a panel of three judges will be appointed by the AVETRA Executive by the end of February each year. Extra members may be co-opted if necessary.

Judges may not enter papers in the competition and may not work in the same institution as any of the candidates, may not be involved in the relevant research project or in other current research collaborations, or have other conflicts of interest (eg relative or PhD supervisor).

The chair establishes *prima facie* eligibility of papers.

Judges complete an evaluation form for each paper and the Chair collates the results and forwards a recommendation to the AVETRA Officers for approval.

The decision of the panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Feedback is not given to authors.

