

COVID-19 UPDATE & SOLUTION FOR iCAN 2020

THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ONLINE FOR DISTANCE PARTICIPATION

General Applicant's Guide for iCAN 2020 Online (Long-Distance Mode)

1) GENERAL NOTICE

This is an important reminder to everyone that iCAN 2020 will **only be held online for long-distance mode participants** due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic that is still affecting the whole world and prohibits physical gatherings and crowding events and group activities of any kind.

There will be no physical in-person exhibition of iCAN 2020 as the situation limits many travels abroad that affects the international participants. However, iCAN 2020 will not be cancelled, and it will still be held online. The organizer will accept all applicants who apply to the competition through long-distance mode.

2) APPLICANTS CAN APPLY TO THE COMPETITION

The competition will still proceed as usual for long-distance mode participants. All applicants are eligible to apply to the competition by **submitting the application form by email to ican@tusias.org** in which then the organizer will follow up with acceptance confirmations back to them and further guide them to the next steps.

All applicants will be required to complete payments for the registration fee(s) as long-distance mode participants. If you haven't received more information about iCAN 2020, **email us with [your name, country, email address]** to receive further guidance of registration procedures, fee information, and the process of online competition.

3) THE PRELIMINARIES EVALUATION FOR FINALIST SELECTIONS

The Preliminaries evaluation will follow the same evaluation procedures to select the Finalists. The Jury Committee of iCAN 2020 will randomly select members to evaluate the submitted application forms to select the Finalists. **The Preliminaries evaluation will output the Winners of Gold/Silver/Bronze Awards.**

4) THE FINALS' OPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY ONLINE

As this year's iCAN 2020 The Finals Exhibition/Seminar/Award Ceremony will not be held for physical attendance in Toronto, the organizer will offer all Finalists selected from the Preliminaries with an **optional choice to submit a "video presentation" of their invention/project** as an additional opportunity to compete for the Finals Awards which includes various International Special Awards, the Best Invention Awards, and the Grand Prize and many more benefits available from the competition.

5) VIDEO FILE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES (OPTIONAL CHOICE)

Video submission will be an **optional choice** for the Finalists if they are interested in competing in the Finals for the opportunity to win additional awards mentioned above. In other words, **video submission is not required** if the Finalists choose to finish their competition without competing in the Finals (this will result in only receiving the Gold, Silver or Bronze Awards that they won during the Preliminaries).

- **The videos can be created using various methods of your own choice and creativity:** Example) actual camera footage with your facial/vocal oral presentation, PowerPoint presentation slideshow style with voice explanation recording, project video presentation, and many other ways you can think of. Use your creativity to make an effective presentation through different ways of video editing skills.

- **The video playtime should be no more than 5 minutes in length:** please limit your presentation length and try to maximize the effectiveness and key points of the video as much as possible for a better evaluation result.
- **Submit your video in appropriate file format (.MP4, .WMV, .AVI, or .MPEG):** If in any case the organizer is unable to open/play your video file, you will be asked to change the file format or upload it on YouTube for us to retrieve the video file.
- **The video will be used for mix in iCAN 2020 “The Finals” Movie:** Your videos will be used not only for the jury’s evaluation, but also randomly used by the organizer to make iCAN 2020 “The Finals” Movie which is planned to be published on the website and various types of social media. Thus, the Finalists can consider the quality of your video for this featured purpose.
- **You may also submit a photo of yourself with your project or poster:** This is an additional option for the Finalists to consider if they would like to have their photos with their inventions or project posters to be included in the Finals movie as well.
- **The Finals Award Winners will be announced on the day of “The Finals”:** As the competition plans to follow the same format of the event, winners of the Finals Awards will be announced on August 29th via Finalists’ emails and also as a post on website.

SHIPPING AWARD PACKAGES AFTER THE FINALS

When the competition comes to a close after August 29th, **the organizer will start shipping iCAN 2020 Award Packages** (containing your award certificates, medals, and other special awards that you have earned from the Preliminaries/Finals, catalogues and event souvenirs) by EMS International Airmail Services to the designated winners’ mailing addresses.

MAKING iCAN 2020 GROUP PHOTO BY COLLAGE

All Participants of iCAN 2020 who have received their Award Packages can **take some photos of themselves holding the awards** send the photos to the organizer. The organizer will then use the photos received from them to create a collage of iCAN 2020 Group Photo.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- The Preliminaries Registration Deadline: **July 15th (extended)**
- Announcement of the Preliminaries Winners: **July 30th**
- Optional Video/Photo Submission Deadline: **August 10th**
- Announcement of the Finals Winners: **August 29th**
- iCAN 2020 “The Finals” Video Showing: **August 29th**
- International Shipping of Award Packages: **Starts September 1st onwards**

SUMMARY OF iCAN 2020 “ONLINE” LONG-DISTANCE PARTICIPATION

- iCAN 2020 will be held online without a physical exhibition and gathering
- The competition is still open for registration by long-distance mode applicants
- The Finalists will be selected by evaluating the submitted Application Forms
- The Finalists can choose to submit a video presentation / photos with the project
- The Preliminaries selection decides the winners for Gold/Silver/Bronze Medalists
- The Finals selection decides the winners for Special/Best/Grand Prize Winners
- Award Packages will be sent to all winners of iCAN 2020 after the Finals
- iCAN 2020 Group Photo Collage will be created after the event (send photo to us)
- Video/Photo usage may vary/limited depending on their nature/quality of the files