



# Present Around The World Competition

## Presenter's Pack



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# Briefing notes for competitors

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Present Around The World (PATW) is the IET's presentation competition for students, recent graduates, apprentices and young professionals aged 18 to 30.

Competitors are asked to give a presentation for 10 minutes on a subject related to engineering and technology, and to answer questions for a further five minutes.

To make it even easier, it is perfectly acceptable to use your final year project presentation, a presentation from your graduate scheme or any other presentation which you already have.

The event is mainly to judge presentation skills although the topic should be appropriate to the intended audience of students and young professionals.

The prizes are (the local equivalent of) £150 for the winner and £100 for the runner-up. The runner-up prize will only be awarded if there are four or more competitors (maximum of eight).

The winner will also qualify for the later stages of the worldwide competition, which offer greater prize money and the opportunity to travel.

Competitors should provide a brief synopsis of their presentation (100-200 words). This will be used in event material, be provided to the judges, and then submitted as part of the entry to later stages of the competition.

There should be three judges who will assess the presentations then decide on a winner and runner-up.

The presentation room most probably will have a raised platform, with a microphone system provided for the speakers. A laptop and video projector will be provided as standard, and the competitors will be asked to provide a USB stick with their presentation already uploaded on, or to email their presentation in advance. Any additional equipment will need to be provided by the presenter.

Someone from your LN or Young Professionals' Section Committee will chair the event. During each presentation, the chair will indicate the time after eight minutes and then again after ten minutes. The speaker should then finish the presentation as quickly as possible. If necessary, the chair will interrupt the speaker and ask them to stop immediately.

## Online Heat

If you are not able to attend a LN heat, you can apply to enter the dedicated online heat. If accepted, you will upload a video of your ten minute presentation to Youtube and email the video URL to [patw@theiet.org](mailto:patw@theiet.org) by 15 March. One winner will be put forward to their closest regional final which they must attend in person. Winners and runners-up from the online round will receive the same prizes as competitors in the Local Network heat.



# Present Around The World Application Form

Please complete this form and return to your Local Network PATW Coordinator. To enter the online round, email the form to [patw@theiet.org](mailto:patw@theiet.org).

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Title:	Surname/Family Name:		
Forname/s:		DOB/Age:	
Address:			
Email Address:			
Telephone Number/s:			
Current University/Organisation:			
Presentation Title:			
Synopsis (max 150 words):			
Biography (max 150 words):			
How did you hear about PATW?			

I confirm that when I take part in the competition I will be between 18 and 30 years of age and have not entered any other PATW heat this session.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# PATW & Social Media

We want to be there for you every step of the way throughout this competition, which is why you can not only contact us online, via email or on the phone, but now on Facebook and Twitter too!

Get involved and join the worldwide discussion with competitors from all over the globe on our social media sites.

To help you get started we've come up with a few 'tweet templates' that you can personalise and send from your account:

## Before you compete:

*I just applied to take part in #IETpatw, presenting on [\[enter presentation subject title\]](#). Register and find out more here <http://bit.ly/1biziE>*

*Competing in the #IETpatw [LN Competition/Area Final/ \[country\] Final\\*](#) 31.04.17/tomorrow/today/nextweek\*. Register to attend and see inspiring presentations on #STEM fields <http://bit.ly/1biziE>*

## Day before competition:

*Don't forget to register to come and see my presentation at the #IETpatw [LN Competition/Area Final/ \[country\] Final\\*](#) tomorrow <http://bit.ly/1biziE>*

## Day of the competition:

*Today I give my presentation on [\[enter presentation subject title\]](#) at #IETpatw in [\[enter location\]](#). Last chance to register to attend! <http://bit.ly/1biziE>*

\*Delete as appropriate

Alternatively you can post and tweet your own status', just don't forget to either hashtag #IETpatw or tag us in the post (@IETCommunities) so we can either re-tweet or reply to you.

Have a question for other competitors? We have many previous PATW competitors as well as audience members who like our Facebook account so why not post your question on our timeline and see who can help you out?

**Facebook** Search for IET Young Professionals

**Twitter** @IETCommunities  
#IETpatw



# Tips for Competitors

**Date and Location:** Competitors please arrive 30 minutes early to ensure your presentation slides are running properly.

**Equipment Provided:** A projector and laptop should be made available. If you are using KeyNote please bring your own mac laptop.

**Judges:** There should be 3 judges, who should all have a varied technical background

**Guests:** Anyone is welcome to attend the competition. Please let the organiser/ PATW coordinator know beforehand.

**Prizes:** The winner's (and runner-up's if applicable) prize money will usually be paid via BACS. The winner will be invited to participate at the next stage of the competition.

## Tips:

- 1) Minimize text on slides, you are going to tell the audience what they need to know (so do not have them read it as well).
- 2) Pace yourself, 1 slide per minute is a good general pace.
- 3) Speak clearly/loudly.
- 4) Do not fidget keep your hands in one place except for intentional motions (and don't shift your body weight back and forth).
- 5) Take your time, pauses make a clear impact and allow you to collect your thoughts.
- 6) Remember your audience, though it will be mostly a technical audience there will be a range of backgrounds and not everyone may know the basis of your topic.
- 7) Don't get lost in the details; a 10 minute presentation is hard to get a lot of detail in. I suggest you focus on an overview of your topic (or one specific aspect of it).
- 8) Why? With these presentations the application is generally what peaks most interests, so why is your topic great?
- 9) Interdisciplinary topics: if your topic is not a core engineering topic, then please ensure you explain the non-engineering basics.

**Helpful videos:** Please visit the PATW homepage at [www.theiet.org/patw](http://www.theiet.org/patw) to view expert hints and tips on delivering the perfect presentation.

**Finally:** You need to strike a note between sales pitch and technical presentation. This can be difficult however as different judges look for different things it is important to find a mix of the two.

**Good Luck!**



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**Video creation:** The format of your online entry is up to you. You may choose to get someone to film you presenting your presentation or you may want to use a screen capture tool to capture your slides, voiceover and webcam on a computer. Participants shall not edit their videos (e.g. adding music soundtracks, extra animation effects etc) - the videos should reflect the participant's presentation style and any evidence of editing will result in disqualification. Videos will not be judged on the quality of video (resolution, editing etc) but on the presentation skills of the presenter and the technical content of the presentation only. Participants are reminded that if they are chosen to progress to the next round, they must give the same presentation to a live audience and judging panel, followed by a Q&A session.

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