

Evaluation of the 6th Batch of IRDR Young Scientists Programme

Applications

1. Background

At the 28th Meeting of the IRDR Scientific Committee (SC28), the Committee agreed to proceed with the selection of the 6th batch of IRDR Young Scientists Programme with two following decisions:

- A 15 most qualified applicants from a pool of 41 will be approved.
- The 3 young scientists representatives from the IRDR Scientific Committee were appointed as the members of Evaluation Committee: Nuraini Rahma Hanifa, Khamarrul Azahari Razak, and Lei Yu. IRDR Science Officer Fang Lian will be the liaison.

2. Evaluation Process and Methodology

The assessment was guided by the criteria outlined in Section 3.3 of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the IRDR Young Scientists Programme.

The process was as follows:

- Each reviewer independently evaluated all 41 applicants.
- Applicants were scored on a scale of 1 (worst) to 5 (best).
- Each reviewer provided a list of their top 10 recommended candidates based on their scores.

3. Selection Results

A total of 22 applicants received a top-10 recommendation from at least one reviewer. From this shortlist:

- **7 applicants** were recommended by **two reviewers** and were directly selected.
- The remaining **15 applicants** had each received a recommendation from a single reviewer. To select from this group, their scores from the recommending reviewers were compared. The **top 8 scorers** from this group were selected.

Top 10		
Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3
Ariyaningsih	Ariyaningsih	Anish Khanal

Bernardino do Rosário Bambi	Rayees Ahmed	Ariyaningsih
Esther Amulen	Yasha Mannan	Bateswar Das
Giulia Finardi	Yimeng LIU	Gladwel Kuya Sikoyo
Kasuni Erandika Adikari Appuhamilage	Javeria Amin	Guotao Zhang
Kianoush Rostami	Zerihun Yohannes Amare	Muhammad Ramzan
Lemohang Mokoka	Anish Khanal	Rayees Ahmed
Marwa Sulaiman Mohsin Al-Hinai	Yaqiao WU	Yaqiao WU
Samar Alarif	Esther Amulen	Yimeng LIU
Zhetao Tan	Joel Ndayisaba	Zhetao Tan

4. Final Outcome

Combining the two groups, a total of **15 applicants** (7 from the dual-recommended group + 8 from the top-scoring single-recommended group) were approved for the 6th batch of the IRDR Young Scientists Programme.

Final Result			
Gender	Country	Nationality	Name
M	New Zealand	Nepal	Anish Khanal
F	Indonesia	Indonesia	Ariyaningsih
F	Uganda	Uganda	Esther Amulen
M	India	India	Rayees Ahmed
F	China	China	Yaqiao WU
F	UK	China	Yimeng LIU
M	France	China	Zhetao Tan
M	Japan	India	Bateswar Das
M	Portugal	Angola	Bernardino do Rosário Bambi
F	Italy	Italy	Giulia Finardi
M	China	China	Guotao Zhang
M	Rwanda	Rwanda	Joel Ndayisaba
F	New Zealand	Sri Lanka	Kasuni Erandika Adikari Appuhamilage
F	Germany	Egypt	Samar Alarif
M	Ethiopia	Ethiopia	Zerihun Yohannes Amare