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RAeS Solent Branch Young Persons 2024 Lecture Competition

The Solent Branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society is pleased to announce it is holding a Branch Young Persons Lecture Competition in 2024, leading into the Society's prestigious N E Rowe Competition.

Age: This event is open to all up to and including the age of 29, with separate awards for 2 age categories: under 22 and under 30. The age criteria must be met on the day of the presentation.

Topic: Entrants are requested to provide an original presentation on any aspect of aerospace. "Originality" in this context does not imply a new discovery but that the entry has been put together by original effort from appropriate sources and has not previously been prepared for any other public presentation.

More guidance on presentations on supervised academic projects is included in the NE Rowe Competition's [rules](#)¹.

Duration: Presentations should be around 20 minutes, followed by a Q&A session.

Dates, Times and Venues: To cover the Solent Branch's area, four presentation sessions will be held:

- Under 30:
 - - University of Southampton, 20 February 2024, 18:00 for 18:30 Start, Lecture Theatre 58/1067
 - University of Portsmouth, 27 February 2024, 17:30 for 18:00 Start, Lecture Theatre PO1.74
- Under 22
 - - University of Southampton, 12 March 2024, 18:00 for 18:30 Start, Lecture Theatre 46/2005
 - University of Portsmouth, 19 March 2024, 17:30 for 18:00 Start, Lecture Theatre PO1.74

Assessment: All entries in each age category will be assessed by a panel comprising members of the branch committee. Score cards will be used for this process in accordance with the Society's NE Rowe Competition's [rules](#)¹. All lectures, together with their Q&A sessions, will be video recorded.

Prizes: All entrants will be presented with a certificate of participation and the following prizes will be awarded:

- Winner in each age category: £250
- Runner up in each age category: £125

The certificates of participation will be presented at the end of each session.

The prizes will be presented to the winners and the runners up at the Branch's AGM in May.

The winning lectures and others of merit will be publicized locally and nationally by the Branch and the Society.



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Deadline for Entering: Initial expressions of interest and a summary of the proposed presentation of no more than 500 words should be sent to solent@aerosociety.com before the closing date for the applicable age category:

- Under 30:
 - 23:59 on Monday 12th February
- Under 22
 - 23:59 on Monday 4th March

Acceptance of Entries: Based on the submitted summary, entries that meet the stated criteria will be forwarded to the competition. Should there be more entries than can be accommodated during the four sessions, then entrants may be asked for more information, which, with the submitted summaries, will be used to choose those entries accepted for the competition. That this will be necessary is considered unlikely.

National Competition: Following the Branch AGM, the winning entries for each age category will, subject to each winner's agreement, be entered in the Main Society for consideration in the Society's N E Rowe Competition.

Each entry, which must be submitted by 15th July 2024, will include:

- the video of the lecture and Q&A session recorded by the Solent Branch,
- an electronic copy of the presentation summary, ideally in pdf format,
- an electronic copy of the presentation material, ideally in PowerPoint or pdf format,
- the assessment panel's scoresheet, and
- an electronic copy of a written paper on the same topic as the presentation, ideally of 2,000 to 3,000 words.

The electronic copy of the presentation material should be provided prior to the presentation.

The written paper is not required for the Branch competition.

Results of the national N E Rowe Competition will be announced in late 2024 and will receive a prize of £500 from the main society, together with further national and international publicity.

Participating: Please encourage colleagues and friends to enter and join the audience at the competition sessions.

Questions: Please contact solent@aerosociety.com

¹ N E Rowe Rules – Issue 7 April 2022:

<https://www.aerosociety.com/media/20401/n-e-rowe-rules-issue-7-april-2022-7apr22.pdf>