



Francesco Riitano Research Award

The Italian Academy of Endodontics (AIE), on the occasion of the [3rd International Congress](#) (Bologna, February 26-28), announces the "**Francesco Riitano**" Research Award, reserved for graduates or graduating Students in Dentistry from degree Courses at Italian and foreign Universities.

The **first-place winner** will receive a cash prize of 1.000 euros, free membership in the Italian Academy of Endodontics for the year 2027 a prize kindly offered by AIE's sponsoring companies.

The **second and third-place winners** will benefit from free membership in the Italian Academy of Endodontics for the year 2027 and will receive a prize kindly offered by AIE's sponsoring companies.

The **fourth and fifth-place winners** will receive a prize kindly offered by AIE's sponsoring companies.

All submitted abstracts will be published in English in the journal "Annali di Stomatologia," the official journal of the Italian Academy of Endodontics – AIE: [Instructions for Papers](#)

Furthermore, the work selected as the first place may be published in full in the journal "Annali di Stomatologia," the official journal of the Italian Academy of Endodontics - AIE, subject to submission for peer review. If the first-place winner chooses not to proceed with the publication, the opportunity will be offered to the next-ranked candidates.

The research Presenter must be a member of the Italian Academy of Endodontics (AIE) for the year 2026. The candidate may present only one research paper, but may appear as a co-author of other research papers submitted to the competition.

By no later than January 26, 2026, the candidate must send the following documents to the AIE Secretariat at the email address: segreteria@accademiaitalianaendodonzia.it:

- An **abstract of the research**, written in English, of a maximum of 500 words, with the following structure: Title, Authors and affiliations, Presenting Author, Aims, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusions. Submitted abstracts must be accompanied by up to 3 photographs and tables.
- A **brief presentation of the research**, containing no more than 15 slides, in PowerPoint or Keynote.
- A poster version of the research in PDF format, suitable for display as a digital poster. Instructions for submitting the work in poster format are provided in the attachment to this call of bids.
- A brief curriculum vitae including personal details and contacts and a high-resolution photograph of the presenting candidate.

The works received by the Secretariat by the deadline will be evaluated by the AIE Cultural Commission, the judging committee that will award the Prize.

A specific session will be dedicated to the Prize during the Congress, which will take place on Thursday, February 26, 2026, during which all candidates will be able to present their research. The presenting Authors must be present on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at the Savoia Hotel Regency, the Congress venue. During the dedicated session, each candidate will be required to present and discuss their project in front of the Committee. The presentation must not exceed 7 minutes and will be followed by a 3-minute discussion with the Committee. The session is scheduled to start at 11:00 AM. The exact presentation time for each candidate will be communicated 15 days before the Congress.

The winners will be announced and awarded during the 3rd AIE International Congress 2026; the work selected as First Place will be presented with a brief 5-minute talk as part of the Congress proceedings.

All works submitted for the Prize will also be displayed as digital posters in a dedicated area during the AIE 2026 Congress.

Please submit your research — in English — also in digital format (PDF), along with the required documentation mentioned above.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING THE DIGITAL POSTER

1. File Format

- The poster must be submitted in PDF format.
- Only one file is allowed per poster.

2. Size and Orientation

- Recommended size: 20.3 x 36 cm
- Orientation: Vertical (Portrait)
- Resolution: 150 dpi

3. Mandatory Content

The poster must include:

- Title of the work
- Name and affiliation of the authors, clearly indicating the presenting author
- Objectives, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusions
- Images, tables or charts (max 3, as specified in the call)
- Optional brief acknowledgments or references

4. Layout Guidelines

- Use clear, readable fonts (e.g., Arial, Calibri, Helvetica), with a minimum font size of 14 px and 16 px recommended
- Use high-contrast colors for text and background to enhance readability
- Avoid excessive decorative elements or animations
- Any clinical images must be anonymized
- Commercial trademarks or company logos are not allowed

5. Saving and Submission

The PDF file of the poster must be named as follows:

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