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*Article 2*

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*Article 3*

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**Participants**

*Article 4*

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*Article 5*

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*Article 7*

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*Article 9*

The jury is appointed by the Network Land&Water Board.

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* Originality
* Significance for the profession
* Presentation

*Article 11*

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*Article 12*

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*Article 13*

The jury may make honourable mention of thesis other than the winning thesis.

*Article 14*

The jury may seek the advice of external experts when evaluating the theses.

*Article 15*

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