

PRESS RELEASE

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## Finalists of the European Biometric Research and Industry Awards 2014 announced

The Award 2014 committee of the European Association for Biometrics (EAB) is pleased to announce the shortlist of the three finalists in the competition for this year's best PhD award:

- Laurent El Shafey – Idiap Research Institute, Switzerland  
Scalable Probabilistic Models: Applied to Face Identification in the Wild
- Marcos Martinez Diaz – Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Spain  
Graphical Password-based User Authentication with Free-form Doodles
- Stepan Mracek – Brno University of Technology, Czech Republic  
3D face recognition based on the hierarchical score-level fusion classifiers

They will present their research results in Darmstadt on 10 September 2014 in front of the jury and the EAB members, Also the general public is cordially invited. Attendance is free of charge, however, registration is required. To register please make use of our registration form on <http://www.eab.org/events/program/57>



**Patrizio Campisi**, Chairman of the award, says:

*"The general fact that biometrics is proliferating through various mainstream developments has clearly been reflected in this year's submissions. Apart from the high quality of their submissions, the selected candidates have shown their in depth insights and understanding of those aspects that will push the state of the art in biometrics innovation towards the next level. We can state that this award is bringing about the best of breed of European research in biometrics."*

All shortlisted candidates will be awarded with complementary one year EAB membership.

The winner of the **European Biometric Research Award 2014** will receive a commemorative certificate and a 2.000,00 € prize. The winner will be selected by all attending Jury members.

The winner of the **European Biometric Industry Award 2014** will receive a commemorative certificate and a 2.000,00 € prize. The winner will be selected by all attending Jury members and EAB industry members.

These prestigious awards are granted by the European Association for Biometrics annually to individuals who have been judged by a panel of internationally renowned experts to be making a significant contribution to the field of biometrics research and innovation in Europe. All information about the award including the full list of jury members can be found at the EAB website: <http://eab.org/award/cfp.html>. The EAB research and industry award is kindly sponsored by MORPHO (Safran Group).

The European Association for Biometrics (EAB) is a non-profit organization seeking to advance the proper and beneficial use of biometrics in Europe and abroad, taking into account the interests of European citizens, industries, academia and operators, including governments and the European Commission. The EAB currently has 145 active members and is the sole pan European platform for matters on biometrics and human identity. Its fast growing members base and wide spectrum of activities underline the need for such a platform in Europe, thus confirming the importance of the EAB's pivotal role in binding communities and influencing the international arena.

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