

Competitive conditions for the „E-Voting Competition 2008“ - a programming competition for an electronic voting system for association elections

General

E-Voting.CC with courtesy of Internet Private Foundation (IPA) is organizing a competition dealing with “E-Voting”. The aim of the competition is to develop an electronic voting system for online-elections for associations. The winning project will be awarded at the 3rd international conference on E-Voting on the 6th of August 2008. It will be made publicly available and free to use and for further development by the Internet community. All personal data collected during the competition will not be forwarded to third parties.

Eligibility

- ⊗ Eligible are natural persons who have completed the age of sixteen and all non commercial entities such as associations.
- ⊗ The programming team may consist of up to five persons; more are possible, but it would not seem necessary considering the project volume.
- ⊗ We accept worldwide submissions.
- ⊗ If a member of a team takes part in the competition, a separate submission as a sole participant of this member is not possible.
- ⊗ Only participants are eligible who have sent all necessary information correct and complete to the host, E-Voting.CC, via Email.

Content of the submitted E-Voting programs

- ⊗ The system shall facilitate the holding of association elections via the Internet.
- ⊗ The source code of the software has to be fully laid open via Internet; during the evaluation process access to the system has to be granted for users and administrators.
- ⊗ Documentation of the system and the processes is compulsory.
- ⊗ The principles of general, equal, secret, free, direct and personal elections have to be secured to the largest possible extent.
- ⊗ The principles of the WAI (Web Accessibility Initiative) for barrier free Internet access are to be met if possible.
- ⊗ The essential components of the system have to be based on open source software only.

Criteria of the Jury

The jury will assess all submitted projects by the following criteria:

- ⊗ Security of the voting system. This aspect will also be tested during a hacking competition which will be held at the final in Bregenz.
- ⊗ The fulfillment of the voting principles. It is not possible to fulfill all principles in equal measure. It is hence up to the programmers to decide on which principles are met to what extent. The principles of the personal, equal and secret election shall be specially kept in mind.
- ⊗ The systems contribution to the further development of the Internet in the sense of civil society.
- ⊗ User friendliness of the system.
- ⊗ Transparency of the system.

The jury of expert will consist of the following persons:

Rüdiger Grimm, Robert Krimmer, Barbara Ondrisek, Thomas Rössler, Melanie Volkamer.

Adaptations of the jury’s composition are reserved. The jury will notify the three final teams during the course of July 2008.

They will be notified immediately and they will be invited to Bregenz by the host.

Submission

- ⊗ In order to register, the submission form has to be filled in and sent via email or fax to E-Voting-CC. You can find the submission form at www.e-voting-competition.at.
- ⊗ The registration must comply with the guidelines in form and content.
- ⊗ The last day of submission is June 13th 2008. Submissions which arrive later cannot be accepted.
- ⊗ The responsible member has to disclose his/her personal data (name, date of birth, address, telephone number, Email).
- ⊗ If an organization submits, the aims and the structure of this organization have to be described in the submission form.
- ⊗ The registration for the competition is free of charge for everybody.

Acceptance of the prize / Rights & Duties

The following monetary prizes will be given to the three best placed submissions:

1. Place: 2.500€
2. Place: 1.500€
3. Place: 1.000€

The best three of all submissions which have been assessed by the jury will be invited to the final on August 6th 2008 in Bregenz. Minimum one member of the respective programming team has to attend the hacking competition at the final. Board and lodging for two members per team will be covered by the host, travel expenses are borne by the participants. The laureates have the right of their naming on the host's website and the right of transfer of the prize money to their bank account. The participants explicitly and irrevocably agree that the source codes of their program's components are published.

Intellectual property rights

The awarded systems will be available to the civil society for the holding of self organized and secure Internet elections and for further development.

Exclusion of the legal process & general comments

Regarding the awarding of the prizes the legal process is excluded. In the case of litigations the sole court of jurisdiction is Vienna, Austria. Solely Austrian law is agreed upon. Should one or more of the elements of these conditions be void, this does not affect the other elements of these conditions.

Sponsor

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The host of the competition is:

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