



Synapse: Poster Session Rules

1. SPONSOR

The sponsor of the initiative is Bending Spoons S.p.A., with registered office in Milan, Corso Como 15, 20154, taxpayer identification number and V.A.T. number 08931860962 (the “**Sponsor**”), a company engaged in the development, distribution, marketing, promotion, and advertising of mobile applications, among other activities.

2. EVENT AND PARTICIPANTS

“*SYNAPSE*” is a symposium that features talks and poster sessions with globally respected voices in the field of Artificial Intelligence or Machine Learning (“**AI**”) and it will be held on September , 2023 (the “**Event**”).

The Sponsor organizes the selection entitled “*SYNAPSE: Poster Session*” to select up to 12 Participants who will win the exclusive possibility to present their innovative research related to the field of AI at the Event and to record a short video presenting such research (the “**Poster Session**”) and to win the Poster Session Prize (as defined below) offered by the Sponsor according to these rules, including the round-trip flight ticket, meal, and two-nights accommodation.

The purpose of the Poster Session is to connect the Participants (as defined below) with incredibly talented students and globally respected researchers and professors in the field of AI. Read more to discover the rules of the selection aiming to reward the skills and merits of the best master and Ph.D. students in the field of AI (the “**Selection**”).

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Participation in the Selection is free and is open to individuals who, at the application date, are (the “**Participant/s**”):

- At least 18 years old; and
- Students currently enrolled in a master's degree course or in a Ph.D. in the field of AI.

Participation in the Selection is reserved to natural persons. Participants who registered to the Selection with their personal information will be considered as the sole author of the extract of the AI research submitted for the Selection (“**Submission**”) for all purposes, including the Poster Session Prize. The Sponsor reserves the right to request documents and information to verify the Participants’ compliance with the eligibility requirements.



4. REGISTRATION

Participants must register for the Selection no later than June 15, 2023, at 11.59 p.m. CET., by entering the Event website <http://synapsesymposium.ai/> (the “**Website**”) and applying by following the instructions below. The Sponsor reserves the right to close registrations in advance if these reach a number exceeding the Sponsor’s actual organizational capacity. The Sponsor reserves the right to exclude from the Selection, at any time, anyone who during the registration phase has entered, or subsequently communicated, untruthful or inaccurate information.

5. JURY AND EVALUATION

The Submissions will be evaluated by directors, employees, collaborators, or representatives of the Sponsor (the “**Jury**”). The Sponsor reserves the right to designate the members of the Jury in its sole discretion. The Jury will independently evaluate the Submission of each Participant and will select the winners based on its sole discretion.

Participants acknowledge and accept that the Jury is the independent, final adjudicator of the evaluations and that it will not justify its decisions. Participants agree not to object to or challenge the composition, decision making process, or any judgments of the Jury. The Jury’s judgment is final and not subject to appeal. Any Participant who will attempt to contact one or more members of the Jury with matters regarding the Selection will be automatically disqualified and excluded from the Selection.

6. HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The Submission must relate to a research in the field of AI that each Participant is currently personally conducting or has already personally conducted in the course of its studies (“**Research**”). The Submission must include the following documents:

- An updated *Curriculum Vitae*
- A PDF poster representing the key points of the Research including the abstract, the related work, the method and the results (“**Poster**”). The Poster must be created by using the template made available by the Sponsor at this [link](#).
- A PDF technical extract explaining the Research, with particular emphasis on the novelties of such Research compared to already existing approaches (“**Report**”). The Report must not exceed 500 words.

The Poster and the Report must be submitted as a unique PDF file. The above documentation must be submitted no later than June 15, 2023, at 11.59 p.m. CET. The file will have to be named in the following



way: *firstname-lastname-postersession.pdf*. Any late submission or submission in a format other than the required one will not be taken into account for the Selection.

The Jury will evaluate the Submissions that satisfy the eligibility requirements and will independently assess a ranking of the best Submissions (“**Ranking**”). The best ranked Participants, up to 12 Participants, will be invited to participate in the Event and in the Poster Sessions.

If one or more of the initially selected Participants refuse to participate in the Poster Sessions, the Jury will select one or more Submissions in accordance with the Ranking and will extend the invitation to participate in the Event and in the Poster Sessions to the relevant Participants.

The Participants eventually selected to participate in the Event and in the Poster Sessions (“**Selected Candidates**”) will receive the Poster Session Prize.

The Selected Candidates, during the day before or the day after the Event, will be involved in the recording of a short video of the duration of approximately 15 mins (“**Poster Session Video**”) organized by the Sponsor, in which each Selected Candidate will expose their Research and the relevant highlights. All expenses required to record the Poster Session Video will be of and borne by the Sponsor. The logistics and the location of the recording will be communicated by the Sponsor to each Selected Candidate at a later stage. The Selected Candidates are required to participate in the recording of the Poster Session Video to participate in the Poster Sessions and to be awarded the Poster Session Prize. If a Selected Candidate refuses to participate in the recording of the Poster Session Video, this refusal will be treated as a refusal to participate in the Poster Sessions and the Jury will select one or more Submissions from other eligible Participants.

7. LOGISTICS

The Sponsor reserves the right to make any change to the organization of the Selection (including the dates, process, duration, prizes), hold it remotely and cancel it for justified reasons, including health and safety concerns. All Participants will be promptly informed of any change. The Sponsor will not be liable for any such changes. The Sponsor will provide accommodation in Milan for the Selected Candidates, if they so wish, for the night of the Event, and either the night before or after (for a total of two nights). Accommodation will be chosen and booked by the Sponsor, in its sole discretion, and based on the information provided by the Selected Candidates. One meal for all Selected Candidates will be provided by the Sponsor on the day of the Event.

In addition, the Sponsor will pay for the following documented travel costs incurred by the Selected Candidates to and from Milan: the Selected Candidates will be able to book their flight or train and transfer - if needed - following the instructions provided by the Sponsor via email. All the details on how to book



flights or train tickets will be emailed by the Sponsor to each Selected Candidate in due time. The Sponsor will not reimburse air or rail fare travel tickets purchased autonomously by the Selected Candidates.

8. PRIZES

The total value of the Selection prizes is equal to a gross amount up to Euro 12,000 and will be assigned to each Selected Candidate in a gross amount of Euro 1,000 (“**Poster Session Prize**”).

9. PROCEDURE TO AWARD PRIZES

To receive the prizes, Selected Candidates must:

- Before the commencement of the Event, communicate to the Sponsor their IBAN, SWIFT code, address, date of birth, tax code, and VAT number (if applicable), as necessary payment information for the disbursement of prizes; and
- As soon as possible after the conclusion of the Event, send to the Sponsor the signed documentation, as instructed at a later stage (in the format provided by the Sponsor), or, for those Participants having a VAT number, their invoice.

Conditioned upon the Selected Candidates’ compliance with the above and these rules, prizes will be disbursed by the Sponsor no later than 30 working days after the conclusion of the Event by wire transfer to the bank account communicated by the Participants. The prizes will be paid net of any withholding taxes. All such taxes required to be withheld will be an expense of and borne by the Participant.

10. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND PARTICIPANTS’ STATEMENTS

As between the Sponsor and the Selected Candidates, the Selected Candidates retain all rights, including all intellectual property rights, in their Submissions. Selected Candidates grant the Sponsor and its affiliates a worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free, transferable, sub-licensable, irrevocable right and license to use, reproduce, publicly display, make available to the public, publicly perform, distribute, synchronize, translate, incorporate, and adapt the Selected Candidates’ Submissions for the purposes of the Selection in all media now known or developed in the future, including for the purposes of promoting the current and future editions of the Selection or the Event, reviewing and evaluating the Submissions, communicating the winners to the public, and assessing Selected Candidates’ compliance with these rules. Selected Candidates state that their Submissions are their original creations. The Selected Candidates further state that they will not make any Submission that (i) infringes any intellectual property right, privacy or publicity rights of any party, (ii) breaches any law or right of any third party, or (iii) is intended to damage or interfere with any system, data, or information. The Submissions must not include information or content that is false, fraudulent, defamatory, obscene, hateful, unlawful, or injurious to anyone.



11. PARTICIPANT'S LIABILITY, SPONSOR'S LIMITATION OF LIABILITY, AND INDEMNIFICATION

By participating in the Selection, the Participant agrees to these rules. Any Participant who, according to the unquestionable judgment of the Sponsor or the Jury, has breached one or more provisions of these rules, or may have won by means or tools capable of circumventing the normal course of the Selection, will be excluded from the Selection and will not be awarded any prize (or will be required to return any prizes already awarded). The Sponsor reserves the right to carry out any control the Sponsor deems reasonable to safeguard the correctness of the Selection. The Sponsor reserves the right to proceed, within the terms deemed most appropriate, and in compliance with applicable laws, to restrict and prevent any initiative aimed at circumventing the Selection. Before selecting the Selected Candidates and awarding the Poster Session Prizes, the Sponsor reserves the right to perform all the necessary controls, including the verification of the Participants' compliance with the eligibility requirements. The Sponsor will assume no liability in case of use and/or abuse of the Submissions produced by the Selected Candidates or of any exploitation of such Submissions by any third party. The Sponsor will not be liable for problems of access, impediments, malfunctions or difficulties concerning technical tools, telephone line, cables, electronics, software and hardware, transmission and connection, or Internet connection, that may prevent a Participant from accessing the Website, submitting their Submission, or otherwise participating in the Selection. The Sponsor will not be liable for failure to receive, or incomplete receipt of, the registration, for any reason, including in case the Participants' data have not been received or are illegible. The Sponsor will not be liable if any email concerning the Selection could not be delivered to the Participants for reasons out of the Sponsor's control. During the Selection, each Participant will be required to take all appropriate measures to safeguard their data or software stored in their IT equipment against any attack. The Sponsor will not be liable in this regard either for any contamination by any computer virus or for the intrusion of any third party in the Participant's IT equipment. The Sponsor will not be liable for any damage caused to Participants, their IT equipment, or data, as well as for any consequences to their personal or professional activity. Selected Candidates must use the Sponsor's premises and any materials or equipment made available by the Sponsor with the utmost care and diligence and will abide by any health and safety rules in force and any other instructions given by the Sponsor in the context of the Selection. The Participants waive any claims for damages and/or indemnification against the Sponsor, in any capacity, for any reason or cause. Each Participant will be solely liable for their acts and their Submission, and the Sponsor will have no liabilities whatsoever in this respect. Each Participant will indemnify the Sponsor, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, distributors, licensees, permitted assigns, directors, officers, employees and agents from all liabilities, losses, claims and damages arising out of any Participant's breach of these rules.

12. PRIVACY AND AUTHORIZATION TO USE PERSONAL IMAGE

The Sponsor will process Participants' personal data in compliance with the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and the Italian Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 (as amended), and in accordance with the Privacy Policy made available to the Participants during the application process.



By making a Submission, Participants expressly authorize, consent and grant to the Sponsor, free of any charge, the right to record and use their image, likeness, voice, conversations, name, biographical and identification information, pursuant to Article 10 of the Italian Civil Code, Article 96 and 97 of Italian Law 233/1941, and any other applicable law, in and in connection with the Posters, the results and proceeds of the audio-visual recordings and photography made by the Sponsor of the Event, and/or the Poster Session Video, for the advertising, publicizing and commercialization of the Company and of the Event, in all media now known or developed in the future, for an unlimited number of times, in any territory, and in any language.

13. EXCLUSION FROM THE SCOPE OF PRIZE EVENTS

“*SYNAPSE: Poster Session*” is a selection outside the scope of the rules governing prize events, pursuant to and in accordance with Article 6, paragraph 1, sub-paragraph a), of Presidential Decree No. 430/2001, because it is an initiative that does not require any prior purchase or payment and it is aimed at rewarding, as payment for performance of work and/or recognition of personal merit, the skills and abilities of the Participants in researching in the field of AI.

14. GENERAL

The laws of Italy, excluding its conflict of law provisions, will govern these rules and the Selection. If you are a consumer resident in the European Union, these rules will not affect the mandatory laws and statutory consumer rights of your country of residence. Any and all disputes, controversies or claims arising out of or related to the interpretation, performance or termination of these rules, or a breach thereof, will be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of Milan, Italy. If you are a consumer resident or domiciled in the European Union, you may submit your claim to the court of your place of residence or domicile. These rules are available on the Website and may be changed by the Sponsor at any time. In the event of conflict between these rules and any subsequent amendments, the latter will prevail. The amended rules will come into force once it has been published on the Website. Any communications or requests for information related to the Selection must be sent by email to info@synapsesymposium.ai indicating “Synapse” in the email subject.

Pursuant to articles 1341 and 1342 of the Italian Civil Code, the Participant declares they have read and specifically accept sections 5, 10, 11, 12, and 14 of these rules.