

## Scientific and Technical Committee regulations

**Article 1** - As part of the VINITECH & SIFEL exhibition, the Scientific and TECHNICAL COMMITTEE is responsible for promoting recent technical developments by French and non-French manufacturers which represent an innovation or an original improvement on an existing product.

**Article 2** - VINITECH & SIFEL exhibitors may present one or several products to the Committee (products, machinery, accessories, tools, systems etc.), referred to hereafter as “products”, and “processes”, on condition they comply with the following criteria:

a) Products entered for the awards must be related to viticulture, wine production, packaging, marketing for wines and spirits, arboriculture and fruit/vegetable production.

b) That they comply with current legislation. That they have not won a prize in a competition organized as part of a previous exhibition or fair.

Dispensations may be granted:

1. For products and processes previously brought to the attention of the Committee as prototypes with an innovative concept but requiring further development;

2. For products and processes presented at a previous VINITECH & SIFEL as prototypes, where development was delayed and they were not ready in time for inspection by the Committee of the previous session; in this instance, the Committee must have been informed.

c) That they constitute an advance in one or more of the following areas:

1. Innovation: present innovative features compared with existing or patented equipment, either in their overall concept or in certain aspects of the design or manufacture.

2. Quality: represent an improvement to the intrinsic quality of the products (wines etc.), their packaging, safety in the workplace or ergonomics, as well as to the techniques and processes associated with commercialization and user-friendliness.

3. Environment: represent an improvement with regard to environmental protection, food safety regulations or any other techniques and processes in this field.

**Article 3** - Entries must be accompanied by an entry fee, which is determined each year by VINITECH & SIFEL. This fee is applicable to each machine or product presented. Applications must be on the appropriate forms, which are made available to exhibitors. Applications are validated after confirmation of the stand site allocated by the Organizing Committee. The deadline for applications is June 26th, 2008. This date is imperative, as it requires at least four months for examination of the portfolios and then of the machines or products, the drafting, illustration and translation of the brochure and dissemination to the French and international press.

**Article 4** - For each machine, device or service submitted for consideration, applicants must mail a completed and signed entry form along with the entry fee. This entry form may be downloaded from the VINITECH & SIFEL website, under the tab “EXHIBIT”, or may be requested from VINITECH & SIFEL. In addition, a full set of documentation must be emailed to [p.dessort@bordeaux-expo.com](mailto:p.dessort@bordeaux-expo.com), containing the following details in support of the application:

- Documentation covering at least the 7 points shown on the sample entry, downloadable from the VINITECH & SIFEL website, under the tab “EXHIBIT”, or on request from VINITECH & SIFEL.

- Extensive technical documentation in French, including a very detailed functional guide, supported by plans, diagrams, photographs, price schedule, test reports, user references etc, so that the application may be considered with full knowledge of the subject, as per Article 2,
- One or more photos of the equipment, either in electronic format (minimum 300 dpi), or saved to a CD Rom and mailed to VINITECH & SIFEL. The publication and reproduction rights for these images shall be acquired for all media, whether they are handled by VINITECH & SIFEL or by the French or international trade press. Those exhibitors unable to submit their applications online may send 5 copies by post to VINITECH & SIFEL, but they must meet the deadline for receipt of applications, 25 June 2010 (as evidenced by the postmark).

The Chairman of the Committee (who is the ex officio Chairman of VINITECH & SIFEL) and the abovementioned bodies may delegate all or part of their functions to other another Member of their choosing. The Committee may seek the opinion of experts in the research or academic fields or from specialist bodies (prior to appointment, the experts who are to assess the applications must issue a sworn declaration that as consultants or experts they have had no involvement in the development of the innovation they are judging. The panel of judges and the appointed experts are also obliged to respect commercial confidentiality).

**Article 5** - Candidates agree, if requested to do so by the Committee, to make all the instruments or systems presented available for inspection by the Committee at a venue chosen by the Committee on the date specified, of which they will be given ample warning, or at one of the specialist sessions. Should this be the case, it is advisable for the applicant to attend the meeting in person, or to send a qualified technician so as to be able to provide any clarification requested by members of the Committee. In exceptional cases, the exhibitor may be asked to carry out further trials at his own expense, the nature and purpose of which will be determined by the Committee. Any refusal to comply with this request will lead to the equipment being disqualified. If these trials cannot be completed before, the Committee may adjourn its decision until the following year. All freight costs associated with delivering and returning the equipment are to be borne by the exhibitor.

**Article 6** - The Committee responsible for examining the applications:

- BCMA,
- CCFV,
- CEMAGREF,
- CENTRE TECHNIQUE INTERPROFESSIONNEL DE LA VIGNE ET DU VIN (ITV FRANCE),
- CHAMBRE D'AGRICULTURE DE LA GIRONDE,
- CIVB,
- CE.T.I.E.,
- ENITA DE BORDEAUX,
- ENSA MONTPELLIER,
- REPRESENTANTS DES INTERPROFESSIONS ET SYNDICATS DE PRODUCTEURS,
- FACULTE D'OENOLOGIE DE BORDEAUX,
- MSA,
- OENOLOGUES DE FRANCE,
- SYGMA,
- SYNDICAT VITICOLE BORDEAUX ET BORDEAUX SUPERIEURS,
- UNION INTERNATIONALE DES OENOLOGUES,
- VIGNERONS INDEPENDANTS DE FRANCE,
- VINITECH & SIFEL.

The Chairman of the Committee (who is by rights the President of VINITECH & SIFEL) as well as the Organizations listed above may delegate all or some of their functions to another member selected by them.

The Committee may seek the advice of experts in research or education or from specialist organizations (who will be bound by professional confidentiality).

**Article 7** - The Committee will reach its decision based on criteria a), b) and c) as laid down in article 2.

It may:

- After examining the portfolio or the innovation itself, place the product on the shortlist, or reject it;
- Or delay its decision if it is felt that the Committee is not in a position to reach an opinion on the operation of the equipment or the quality of the proposed product ; in such an event, the decision may be adjourned until the following year.

**Article 8** - The Committee's decision is final. In the event of the project being rejected, the Committee is under no obligation to give the exhibitor detailed reasons for its decision, these remaining strictly confidential.

Under no circumstances can the portfolio be returned to the Exhibitor (whether the product is accepted or rejected).

**Article 9** - The registration fee is non refundable, even for equipment that is rejected. It is used for covering the admin. costs of the Scientific and Technical Committee.

**Article 10** - The equipment, whether it is selected or not by the Committee, does not constitute a special section of the exhibition but is presented on the stands of the exhibitors concerned. Rejection by the Committee – which remains confidential – does not prevent the exhibitors from presenting equipment that has been entered in the competition.

Equipment or products selected by the Committee must be presented on the stands throughout VINITECH & SIFEL.

**Article 11** - The VINITECH & SIFEL award winners will be selected for the following categories:

- Vineyards, orchards and vegetable farming
- Wine
- Fruit and vegetables.

Entrants must specify on the entry form specify the category for which they are submitting their entry.

The Committee may recognize achievement by presenting Gold, Silver or Bronze Awards or Commendations for each category.

From September, the winners of the VINITECH & SIFEL 2010 Awards will be entered for the People's Choice Award. The winning innovations will be presented on the VINITECH & SIFEL 2010 website and assessed by trade visitors, who will vote for the most outstanding innovation. Then during the exhibition itself, the People's Choice Award will be presented for the innovation that is most popular with these exhibition visitors.

The winners will be announced at the VINITECH & SIFEL awards ceremony.

Unsuccessful applications to the VINITECH & SIFEL awards will automatically be entered in the "NEW PRODUCTS" category.

A description of the winning items will be published in the VINITECH & SIFEL Catalogue and circulated widely to the French and international press. The Committee will take all other steps as necessary to promote the award winners, including special signage at the show.

**Article 12** - During an "opposition period" of 2 weeks after publication of the shortlist, any comments on the products may be sent to the Organizing Committee. After this period, the machinery and products on the shortlist will be considered as the Jury's final decision.

**Article 13** - Exhibitors awarded a distinction by the Jury may make reference to it in their own publicity. They agree however to specify which equipment has received the award and must under no circumstances suggest it applies to their firm or their products in general.

**Article 14** - It is up to the exhibitors presenting portfolios to ensure that their industrial property rights have been protected and that applications have been made for the corresponding patents. Hence VINITECH & SIFEL cannot in any way be held liable for the consequences of the inadvertent disclosure of the portfolio or of any other disclosure during the examination period or the publicity campaign after the Jury has reached its decision.

NOTA - All correspondence concerning the Scientific and Technical Committee must be sent solely to: VINITECH & SIFEL - Parc des Expositions - BP 55 - 33030 BORDEAUX CEDEX  
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**Article 15** - Competition entrants give permission for Vinitech to use their name, address and photo for all promotional purposes associated with publicizing the event.

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