

FLEXIBLE ELECTRONIC & SMART CLOTHING PRIZE 2004

The Wearable Electronic & Smart Textiles (WEST) Interest Group is inviting entries for a £300 cash prize to be awarded for the most innovative flexible electronic and smart clothing concept.

A Flexible Electronic & Smart Clothing could be a garment or any other clothing item that incorporates within its structure electronics that can provide functions such as telecommunications, entertainment, digital assistance, sensing, etc. Submissions that only consist of superficial attachments of existing electronic devices such as MP3s, mobile phones and PDAs onto a garment are not acceptable.

The judging panel is particularly interested in innovative ideas that can explore new and/or alternative conducting systems and power sources e.g. solar and kinetic energies. However, other novel ideas are also welcomed.

Eligible Participants

The competition is open to all students across any disciplines, on an individual or team basis. Multidisciplinary teams are particularly welcomed. Participants are allowed to make multiple submissions. The competition winner or winning team and selected participants may be required to take part in publicity.

Closing Date

Full submissions have to be received by the 15th September 2004. No responsibility will be taken for any submissions that are lost.

Submission

Participants must only submit work that is original and their own.

The preferred submission format would be in the form of a made-up model of a concept garment, together with full written explanation of the wearable electronic concepts. Detailed designs with full written explanations will also be accepted instead of or in addition to the model.

Each submission must be accompanied by a submission form, which can be obtained by emailing competition@smarttextiles.info

By entering the competition, participants agree to abide to the submission rules and to assign to the Wearable Electronic & Smart Textiles Interest Group their ownership of their entry and of any copyright, design or other intellectual property right in their entry. No submitted work will be returned

Please send your entries to:
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The Review Process

All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of experts on the 1st October 2004. The membership of the reviewing panel will be listed in www.smarttextiles.info after the 15th September 2004. Submissions will be judged on the innovativeness of the concept garment, with particular reference to implementation and interpretation of smart attributes. Design, ergonomics, comfort, practicality and potential use are additional criteria for selection. The decision of the judges will be final. There will only be one winner or winning team. The winner or winning team will be formally notified within 2 weeks of the review date.

For more information, to obtain a submission form or to register your intention to participate, please email competition@smarttextiles.info