**ECerS Student Speech contest 2019 (ECerS XVI, Torino)**

**Selection of the representative of the Italian Ceramic Society**

**(Bologna, 26 November 2018)**

The Student Speech Contest at the biennal ECerS Conference is an event where research students, representing each of the ECerS member countries, are able to give an oral presentation that is evaluated by a jury. The presentation will be in English, with a duration of 15 minutes, followed by questions from the jury and the audience.

The jury will evaluate the student’s speech: mastery of the subject and English language, communication skills and the quality of the presented audiovisual material. Other aspects related to the suitability of the subject matter and the student to represent Italy in the European Ceramic Society competition will also be evaluated.

* Each member country of ECerS can send one (PhD, MSc, BSc) research student as the candidate of their country for the ECerS student speech contest.
* The oral presentation at the contest should be based on research work that the candidate has performed himself/herself at a research institution in the country he/she is representing.
* Graduate representatives must be within their first five years of full time research at the time of the speech.
* If the representative is a PhD student, the candidate can participate in the competition if he/she defends (or will defend) his/her thesis after September 1, 2018.
* The candidate obtains free registration to ECerS XVI and accommodation from the conference organizers. Società Ceramica Italiana will provide up to 500 € to cover travelling costs.

The following data are needed from the candidate:

* + Name of the candidate
	+ Name and address of university/institute
	+ E‐mail address
	+ Date of birth
	+ Expected date of defence of BSc, MSc or PhD thesis
	+ Title of presentation
	+ One page abstract
	+ A short video (no more than two minutes, .mp4 or equivalent) where the candidate will illustrate in English the topic of his/her talk