

SCANZ Conference Policies

SCANZ recognises the positive impact that a conference speaking invitation has on the track record and visibility of its delegates. We also recognise that some sections of the scientific community are often under-represented in conference programs, and that this can affect diversity in the long-term. Our policies were developed to ensure quality and equality.

Speaker Invitation Policy

Invitations for the SCANZ 1987 Plenary Lecturer, Keynote speakers and Invited speakers are made to high quality researchers that represent the broad diversity of our community. We aim to achieve a balance across geography, gender and experience. Because the number of invited keynote and symposia presentations are limited, invited speakers at each SCANZ conference will not include invited speakers at the three previous SCANZ conferences. Speakers selected from abstracts at the previous meetings may be invited to speak at the present conference. Invited speakers at the previous meetings may be selected from abstracts at the present conference. Rising Star speakers will be selected by a specific committee. The Bragg and Mathieson Medallist Lectures will be selected by the SCANZ Executive.

Funding Policy

The Plenary Lecture is supported by the SCANZ 1987 Fund. Keynote Speakers are supported through sponsorship. No funding is generally provided to invited or abstract-selected speakers. This funding policy means that SCANZ can keep the registration fee as low as possible for all attendees, to help ensure a successful conference. SCANZ provides funding support for the Bragg and Mathieson Medallists. SCANZ also provides funding support to students to attend conferences, but this is not tied to speaking invitations.

Feedback

SCANZ welcomes feedback from members on this policy and how it might be improved for future conferences to better ensure quality and diversity. Feedback can be sent to secretary@scanz.org.