Judging Criteria – Oral Presentations

Abstract – 10%
  • Is the abstract clear?
  • Can you understand the point of the investigation and what was found?

Presentation – 30%
  • Did the speaker introduce the subject well?
  • Did the speaker give you an idea of the experimental approach?
  • Were the slides clear and appropriate?
  • Could you follow what the speaker was trying to show with respect to their data?
  • Did you get a reasonable idea of what the speaker concluded and did these conclusions appear appropriate?

Originality – 30%
  • One must appreciate that the speaker originality will be limited by the nature and scope of the project. Nevertheless, good students can tackle a dull subject in an original manner, and vice versa.
  • Did the speaker appear to try to get to the bottom of the problem?
  • Did the speaker think in terms of ideas and mechanisms as opposed to straight observations and facts?

Questions – 30%
  • The speaker will be constrained by the nature of the questions, but good students can come up with good imaginative answers to mediocre questions. Again, the opposite can also apply.