CALL FOR

THE NIKLAUS WIRTH AWARD FOR THE MOST VALUABLE PASCAL LIBRARY

The International Pascal Congress (IPC) considers it essential to implement measures that promote the development of Pascal and technologies based on this language within the computer science field. Among these actions is the creation of awards to stimulate and strengthen the Pascal community. The IPC will grant one award in honour of Niklaus Wirth, a pioneer in the creation of programming languages and the designer of Pascal. The **Niklaus Wirth Award for the Most Valuable Pascal Library** to Pascal community recognises the authors of open libraries that are valued by the community of software developers who use programming languages from the Pascal family to create software.

RULES

- With the collaboration of sponsors, the International Pascal Congress announces the Niklaus Wirth Award for the Most Valuable Pascal Library 2026.

- The award consists of public recognition in the society with a statuette and a financial award for the winner during the IPC 2026 on 22nd June 2026. The IPC will pay for the winner to attend the event.

- Any author of an open-source library that is programmed with at least 90% of the Pascal programming language or a language from the Pascal family (e.g. Object Pascal) may be eligible for the award.

- If the open-source library has more than one author, they must choose one of the authors (Ideally, it should be the person who has written the most code) to represent all the authors.

- Nomination period: 20th February 2026 to 23rd of March 2026.

- The voting process will have two phases. Phase 1: Attendees of the IPC 2026 who have paid their registration fee by 15 April 2026 will have the right to vote for the winning library from the list of candidates. The two candidates with the most votes will progress to the second phase. In the second phase, the two libraries with the most votes will be voted for again on the 17th and 18th of April by all attendees who have paid their registration fee to the IPC 2026. The library that receives the highest number of votes in the second phase will receive the Niklaus Wirth Award 2026 for the Most Valuable Pascal Library from among all the candidates.

- The award may be declared void if, none of the candidates is sufficiently qualified to merit the award.

- If any situation arises that is not covered by the rules set out above, the Director of the International Pascal Congress 2026 shall have the discretion to resolve it.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Anyone over 18 years of age may apply for the prize. The prize may not be awarded posthumously. The candidate must have explicitly agreed to the rules and to be nominated for the prize.

- If the candidate wins, he/she agrees to give a plenary lecture in person after receiving the prize on a topic of his/her choice related tohis or her library.

METHOD AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

- Nominations must be submitted from 20th February 2026 to 23rd of March 2026 in pdf format to the awards e-mail address: NW_award2023@pascalcongress.com.

- The application should consist of the following documents:

  - Application form signed by the author.

  - Short Library Documentation (template).

  - Curriculum vitae of the author (max 1 pages).

OBLIGATIONS OF THE WINNER

- The winner of the Niklaus Wirth Award for the Most Valuable Pascal Library granted by the International Pascal Congress is obliged to attend the conference in person to collect the award and to give a lecture on his or her work in the Pascal world or proposals for the future of Pascal. In the event of noncompliance with this condition, except in cases of force majeure, the prize may be withdrawn.

- Candidates for the call for entries must accept the above rules. The interpretation and application of these rules are the responsibility of the director of the IPC 2026.

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