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All current doctoral fellows or recent alumni (those who defend/ed in 2022), regular, affiliated, and adjunct, are eligible to apply for the award. It will be awarded for either single-authored or co-authored papers. For the co-authored papers, co-authorship with doctoral or postdoctoral fellows and faculty members from BIGSSS or other institutions is possible, with a BIGSSS doctoral fellow as first author. Submission is restricted to one paper per doctoral fellow. Taken together, title or cover page, abstract, text, references, tables, and figures must not exceed 15,000 words. Papers exceeding this word limit will not be considered.

All papers meeting the above mentioned criteria and submitted until December 31st, 2022 will be accepted for selection. Please submit your paper with a brief cover letter (with information about the publication history of the paper and in case of co-author papers about the role of the applicant in the production of the article) to the following address: bestpaper@bigsss-bremen.de.

The selection committee consists of six members, ideally one faculty member per core discipline, one doctoral or postdoctoral fellow per discipline (fellow representatives nominate fellow members of the jury, fellows who submit a paper cannot be part of the jury). Judging shall be based on general quality and originality of the work; specific criteria by which papers are to be evaluated are defined by the selection committee. The BIGSSS Best Paper Award is presented at a BIGSSS event (typically Meeting of Members) and is endowed with 500 EUR.