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Winners of the 6th European Biometrics Research Award announced

On 5 September 2012 the European Association for Biometrics EAB awarded young researchers for their outstanding works in the area of biometrics. A renowned jury chose 3 candidates out of a range submitted high quality papers to present their significant contribution in front of the jury, the EAB members and the public audience.

This years finalist were:

- Christian Rathgeb from University of Salzburg with *Towards enhancing security and accuracy of iris recognition systems*
- Anindya Roy from Idiap Institute with *A fast parts-based approach to speaker verification using boosted slice classifiers*
- Daniel Hartung from University Collage Gjøvik with *Template protected vascular patterns for secure online banking transactions*

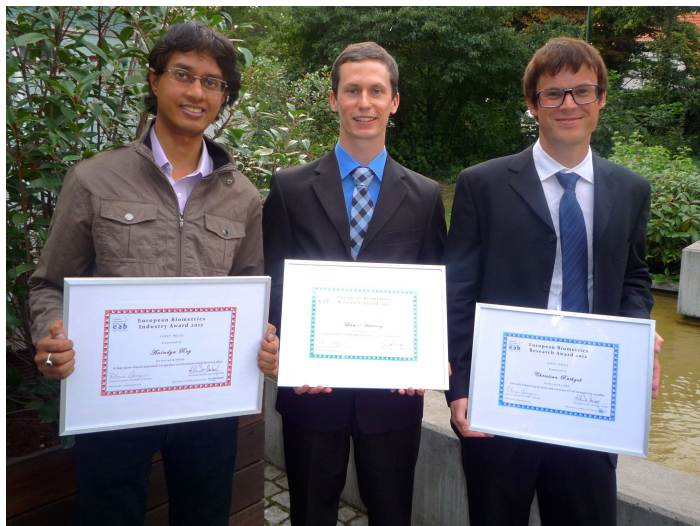
The 6th European Biometrics Research Award that was kindly sponsored with a prize of 2,000 € by GenKey Europe went to **Christian Rathgeb** from the University of Salzburg, Austria. The selection has been made on the basis of the academic and scientific quality of the submitted works as well as on the quality of their presentations.

A separate selection was made during the final presentation in order to appoint the winner of the industry award. Criteria for this award are (next to the scientific level) the novelty, impact, applicability and other business aspects. The European Biometrics Industry Award 2012 has been given to **Anindya Roy** from Idiap Institute (Switzerland) and was awarded by Safran Morpho with a prize of another 2,000 €.

The chairman of the jury, Prof. Patrizio Campisi from the University of Roma TRE (Italy), says about this year's competition:

"I am happy that again the jury had a choice out of a range of submissions of very high quality. This prestigious award, which is unique in its kind, stimulates innovation in high level research in

biometrics both in *academia and in industry*. I am grateful to the members of the jury, who did an excellent job by spending their precious time to the selection process.”



from left to right: Anindya Roy, Daniel Hartung, Christian Rathgeb
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More information about the finalists presentations and papers will soon be available on the EAB website: <http://www.eab.org/expertise/com/award.html>

The European Biometrics Research and Industry Award is granted annually to individuals who have been judged by a panel of internationally respected experts to be making a significant contribution to the field of biometrics research in Europe.

The international jury of this year’s competition consisted of the following members:

- Prof. Christoph Busch, Gjøvik University College, Norway
- Prof. Bernadette Dorizzi, Telecom SudParis, France
- Prof. Mike Fairhurst, University of Kent, UK
- Prof. Patrick Flynn, University of Notre Dame, USA
- Jean Christophe Fondeur, Morpho, France
- Prof. Anil Jain, Michigan State University, USA
- Dr. Tom Kevenaer, GenKey, The Netherlands
- Prof. Josef Kittler, University of Surrey, UK
- Prof. Arun Ross, West Virginia University, USA
- Dr. Günter Schumacher, JRC, European Commission
- Prof. Raymond Veldhuis, Twente University, The Netherlands

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