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Awards  
2016



## Software Quality Awards

bsoco website awards the best software of the year by combining analysis of an independent panel of consultants and the return of software users. Thanks to the survey bsoco gets information from software users on the observable behavior in the software, the concept is based on unique question form for software users. All these objective criteria gathered from thousands of users worldwide are grouped in the bsoco index.

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## The 2016 bsoco awards - terms and conditions

### Software Quality Awards

#### The bsoco awards :

Each year the bsoco awards recognize the best business software packages. The awards are made based on the assessment of an independent international panel of judges as well as the assessment of users themselves, who respond to a specially designed questionnaire. The responses of thousands of users are converted into a bsoco index score.

This dual perspective combined with the international participation makes the receipt of a bsoco award very demanding and therefore more desirable.

#### Description of the 2016 bsoco awards categories:

- Accounting, ERP, competency, payroll, recruitment, HRIS, CRM, CMS, emailing, LMS, Authoring tool and Rapid learning

#### Each category has the following awards:

- bsoco gold award : 1st place in the category
- bsoco silver award : 2nd place in the category
- bsoco bronze award : 3rd place in the category

#### Who can participate:

- Companies or individuals offering software in the following categories : Management (accounting, ERP), HR (competency, payroll, recruitment, HRIS), Business (CRM, CMS, emailing), e-learning (LMS, Authoring tool, Rapid learning)
- To be considered, the software must be listed on the bsoco website [www.bsoco.com](http://www.bsoco.com) . This registration can be done by developers, resellers or users of the software solution via the registration form on the bsoco website [www.bsoco.com](http://www.bsoco.com). Registration is free
- Previous winners can also participate this year

All software applications listed on the bsoco website will be included in the scheme and participation is totally free of charge.

## Evaluation

The software classification of each category will be determined by 2 evaluations, namely bsoco (via its website users) and an independent panel of consultants. The software with the most points in a category gets the bsoco gold award, 2nd gets the bsoco silver award and 3rd, the bsoco bronze award. In the event of a tie the bsoco awards committee will decide the winner.

**The bsoco evaluation** will be conducted according to the bsoco index on 31/12/2015 at midnight as follows: 1st place gets 100 pts, 2nd place gets 80 pts, 3rd place gets 70 pts, 4th place gets 60 pts, 5th place gets 50 pts, 6th place gets 40 pts, 7th place gets 30 pts, 8th place gets 20 pts, 9th place gets 10 pts and 10th place gets 5 pts.

**The evaluation by an independent panel of consultants** will be conducted according to 3 criteria:

- 1) What is the level of functional efficiency of the software in comparison to the needs of the market?
- 2) Is it an innovative software solution?
- 3) What is the position of a given app on the market, is it a market leader?

Each consultant evaluates the listed software solutions according to these 3 questions and he/ she allocates points to software applications as follows: 1st place gets 71 pts, 2nd place gets 61 pts, 3rd place gets 51 pts, 4th place gets 41 pts, 5th place gets 31 pts, 6th place gets 21 pts, 7th place gets 11 pts, 8th place gets 7 pts, 9th place gets 5 pts and 10th place gets 1 pt.

## Announcement of the winners and presentations of the awards:

- Winners will be awarded during European trade shows in 2016:
  - Learntec, Germany Karlsruhe, 28/01/2016  
e-learning category (LMS, Authoring tool, Rapid learning)
  - Solution Ressources humaines, France Paris, 22 – 24/03/2016  
HR category (competency, payroll, recruitment, HRIS)
  - Salons Solutions, France Paris, Octobre 2016  
ERP, CRM category
- Winners will be informed by bsoco when and where their bsoco awards ceremony will take place

## Evaluation, what is the bsoco index?

- The bsoco innovation lies in building a communal site which asks users to comment on the noticeable performance of the software. The result is thus not a verbalized feeling but the translation by a factual index of users' experiences
- Users' responses are reflected in the following categories: performance, usability, reliability or service. In addition, there are points related to the popularity of each software on the bsoco site, which means the number of voters and the frequency of their votes
- Beside the questionnaire and method of calculation, the bsoco team has implemented a quality control process. First of all, each vote is verified and the bsoco website hereby reserves the right to remove a vote if any of the following occur:
  - the profile of the voter is not compatible with that of a software end-user (for ex. reseller, developer)
  - the description of positive and negative points is not precise enough
  - no negative point of the software (area for improvement) is mentioned (an unlikely situation for a real user)
  - the time spent filling out the form is not normal
  - the number of votes coming from the same domain (@ xxx.xx) is too high
  - the vote deliberately seeks to destroy the reputation of one or more publishers for the benefit of another.
- Moreover, to avoid fraud, the bsoco website refuses community access to users that have no business address.
- Finally, there must be at least 5 votes before a particular software is assigned a bsoco index score.
- View <http://www.software-comparison.net/bsoco-index.php> for more information

## The bsoco committee:

The bsoco committee will be composed of 3 to 10 independent consultants, experts in a given category. The composition of the committee will be shown on the bsoco website in November 2015.

## Registration form:

For more information, please, contact us: [info@bsoco.com](mailto:info@bsoco.com)

## Press releases and images:

bsoco will take photos and interviews during the awards ceremonies. Subsequently, this information and images may be represented in press releases and / or displayed on the bsoco site. If any publisher does not want to have their image or interview on the bsoco site they have to inform bsoco at least one month before the awards ceremony.

The rules of communication will be presented to bsoco awards winners and must be respected by software developers/ editors.

### **Confidentiality:**

The content of the form submitted to the bsoco committee remains confidential. No publication or dissemination of it will be made outside the scope of bsoco awards.

### **Partners:**

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<http://www.solutions-ressources-humaines.com>

Salons Solutions is one of the leading trade fair for ERP, CRM and BI. The event will offer a best platform to meet all the professionals from all business sector

<http://www.salons-solutions.com/>

### **Founders of bsoco awards :**

- bsoco was created in the Czech Republic by consultants specialised in benchmarking and giving advice to businesses in regards to choosing professional IT solutions
- The idea to create the bsoco site was born out of two realisations. The first is that no matter how pertinent the consultant or advisor, he is never in the user's shoes and subsequently his/her analysis is too often structural and not operational enough. The second realization is that the community of users are either A) secure spaces driven by the publishers themselves or B) open spaces which provide an outlet for users but little instructive value.
- The bsoco innovation lies in building a communal site which asks users to comment on the noticable performance of the software. The result is thus not a verbalized feeling but the translation by a factual index of the experience of users
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### **Schedule and Deadlines:**

Applications must be completed between 01/11/2015 and 20/12/2015

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