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Annual VLIZ North Sea Award 2016

To reward outstanding
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The Annual VLIZ North Sea Award is organized to recognize and reward outstanding scientific contributions enhancing the insight into the structure and functioning of the seas and ocean worldwide.

Regulations

Art. 1 The Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) awards a scientific prize to foster innovative fundamental or applied research on the structure and functioning of the seas and oceans worldwide.

Art. 2 The prize will be awarded to a researcher or a research team affiliated to a Belgian organization.

Art. 3 The prize amounts to 1000 euros and is indivisible. It will be granted to award a recent original scientific contribution. Studies pertaining to the biodiversity of the local ecosystem are also welcomed.

The contribution has to be of postgraduate or postdoctoral level, referring to a maximum of three years of postdoctoral research.

Art. 4 A jury installed by the Board of Directors of VLIZ – upon the proposal of the Scientific Committee – will evaluate the contributions submitted. It advises the Board who grants the award.

If none of the submitted studies are deemed to be acceptable, the Board can decide not to attribute the award and to add the prize money to the next edition of the VLIZ North Sea Award.

Art. 5 Candidates must not have received any prior award for the contribution submitted.

Art. 6 Candidates cannot submit the exact same contribution as in a previous year. A contribution will be accepted by the same candidate if amendments have been made to a previous submission.

Art. 7 Scientific contributions must contain a minimum of two published peer-reviewed articles.

Art. 8 To be taken into consideration, all candidates should provide the following documents to VLIZ prior [to November 30th 2016](#) :

- three print copies of the contribution written in Dutch, French or English;
- a pdf-version of the contribution;
- a summary in English of 5 pages maximum, print copy + Word-format;
- the duly filled in participation form (to be requested at the VLIZ secretariat and available on www.vliz.be);
- the curriculum vitae of the author or the senior author of the contribution.

Art. 9 The award will be granted early January 2017. All candidates will be notified of the jury's decision prior to the end of January 2017.

Art. 10 The award ceremony will take place at one of VLIZ's scientific meetings. The laureate will present his/her prize-winning contribution at the meeting.

Art. 11 The laureate agrees to write a popularized article based upon the rewarded contribution and grants permission to VLIZ to publish it, provided credit is given to the author(s).

Art. 12 VLIZ is entitled to deposit all the submitted contributions in its marine scientific library.

Art. 13 Any problems or disputes that possibly may arise with regard to participating in and granting of the VLIZ North Sea Award will be settled by the Board of Directors of VLIZ. The candidates have no recourse against its decision and are not entitled to any remuneration.

Art. 14 All participants agree upon these regulations.

Candidacies

Candidacies and accompanying documents (cf article 8) should be addressed to :

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