

## REGULATIONS

### DR EDOUARD DELCROIX PRIZE 2022

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Art. 1 The Dr Edouard Delcroix Prize is an international triennial scientific prize which will be awarded to a researcher or a research team for an original scientific study on the links between oceans and human health. A Dr Edouard Delcroix Incentive Award will annually reward the work of an early career scientist.

The aim of the Dr Edouard Delcroix Prizes is to foster fundamental and applied scientific research which makes a significant contribution to:

- an improved understanding of the actual and potential health benefits from marine and coastal ecosystems, e.g. the “Blue Gym” effect, marine biodiscovery, thalassotherapy and functional revalidation in seawater;
- a reduction in the burden of human diseases linked with marine environmental causes, e.g. harmful algal blooms and other biogenic toxins, eutrophication, transmission of pathogens and chemical pollutants and the impacts of human activities such as aquaculture.

Art. 2 The prizes are financed by the non-profit association HYDRO whereas the non-profit association Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) is in charge of the practical organization. The non-profit associations HYDRO and VLIZ jointly award the prizes.

Art. 3 All applications will be evaluated by a jury which consists of six members: three designated by HYDRO and three by the Scientific Committee of VLIZ, among them the president of this Committee who will perform as president of the jury. If necessary, the jury may call upon the advice of outside experts. The selection of the best application will be carried out by a majority of votes.

Art. 4 The international prizes are organized every three years. Candidates from all over the world can participate in the Dr Edouard Delcroix Prize. The Dr Edouard Delcroix Incentive Award is reserved for master’s students from member countries of the Council of Europe.

Art. 5 A sum of 40.000 EUR accompanies the Dr Edouard Delcroix Prize which may be split between the best scientific studies if there is an equality of votes. The Dr Edouard Delcroix Incentive Award has a value of 2.500 EUR. The jury has the right to withhold the prizes, if it decides that none of the proposed studies can be taken into consideration.

Art. 6 The researchers or research teams, whose work may qualify for the prizes, should submit a participation form, a written scientific report and their curriculum vitae to VLIZ. The participation form can be downloaded from the VLIZ website.

The report may be written in Dutch, French or English and has to be preceded by an abstract in English of 3 pages maximum that can be published and be communicated to a broad audience

Two printed copies of the participation form, scientific report and cv of the candidates should be in the possession of VLIZ no later than 31 December 2022. VLIZ will provide the members of the jury with a copy of the submitted documents. Participants are also requested to send their documents by e-mail to [awards@vliz.be](mailto:awards@vliz.be).



- Art. 7 The winners will mention in their external communication (interviews, publications, social media) of their work the Dr Edouard Delcroix Prize (Incentive Award).
- Art. 8 The prizes will be awarded prior to 31 January 2022.
- Art. 9 All participants agree upon these regulations. They have no recourse against the decision of the jury. Participants are not entitled to any remuneration.
- Art. 10 The non-profit associations HYDRO and VLIZ reserve the right to publish a synthesis of the prize-winning studies.

Further information can be obtained with Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)

- on the website [www.vliz.be/nl/delcroix](http://www.vliz.be/nl/delcroix)
- per e-mail to [awards@vliz.be](mailto:awards@vliz.be)
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