

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 North Sea.

- 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 North Sea.
- Art. 2 The prize will be awarded to a researcher or a research team active and residing in a country by the North Sea.
- Art. 3 The prize amounts to 1 000 EUR and is indivisible. It will be granted to reward a recent and original scientific work on the structure, operation and/or sustainable management of the ecosystem of the North Sea, with special attention to the shallow coastal areas and estuaries of the Southern Bight and the English Channel. The contribution has to be of postgraduate or postdoctoral level, referring to a maximum of three years of postdoctoral research since obtaining the PhD.
- Art. 4 A jury installed by the Governing Board of VLIZ - upon proposal of the Scientific Committee - will evaluate the contributions submitted. The jury has the right to gather the advice of external experts. The jury advises the Governing Board, who grants the award.
- Art. 5 Candidates must not have received any prior award for the contribution submitted.
- Art. 6 Candidates cannot submit the same contribution as in a previous year. A similar contribution by the same candidate will be accepted if sufficient amendments have been made to the previous contribution.
- Art. 7 Scientific contributions must contain a minimum of two published peer-reviewed articles.
- Art. 8 To be taken into consideration all candidates must provide the following pdf-documents to VLIZ by 31 December 2022 at the latest:

Complete the registration form on registration.vliz.be/awards2022 and attach

- the contribution;
- a summary (max. 5 pages, in English);
- the curriculum vitae of the author(s);
- a communicative summary (max. 1 page, in English).

- Art. 9 The award will be granted in January 2023. All candidates will be notified of the jury's decision prior to 15 February 2023.
- Art. 10 The award ceremony will take place at the VLIZ Marine Science Day on 1 March 2023. The laureate will present the 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 submitted contributions in its marine scientific library.
- Art. 13 Any problems or disputes that may arise with regard to participating in and granting of the VLIZ North Sea Award will be settled by the Governing Board of VLIZ. The candidates have no recourse against its decision and are not entitled to any remuneration.
- Art. 14 All participants must agree upon these regulations.

CANDIDACIES

You can register your candidacy at registration.vliz.be/awards2022

Please bear in mind that your application can only be submitted if all mandatory fields are filled AND if you have attached all required documents (cf. article 8).

For technical assistance or further information, please contact the VLIZ-secretariat:

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