

Georgofili Academy
International Section

5th European Prize
“PROSPERITATI PVBLICAE AVGENDAE” 2015

General Information

The International Section of the Georgofili Academy, announces a competition for awarding the European Prize “**PROSPERITATI PVBLICAE AVGENDAE**” for a master’s thesis on a topic related to agriculture and related sectors.

The sum of the prize is €2000.

EU citizens who have presented and discussed a master’s thesis during 2014 or 2015 in a legally recognized public or private university within the EU are eligible.

The text of the master’s thesis must be presented in an electronic format (Adobe Acrobat or Word): in Italian, French or English and must be accompanied by a summary in English (Executive Summary) with a maximum of 5000 characters including spaces.

The prize will be awarded on an annual basis and will address one (or more) of the following specific themes:

1. Economy and agricultural policy;
2. Research and innovation in the agricultural and agroindustrial sectors;
3. Environment and rural areas, food security and quality of agricultural products.

The international section of the Georgofili Academy reserves the right to examine no more than 40 theses

The applications will be assessed on the basis of the “first come first served principle”, according to the chronological order of reception of the thesis. The applications for the competition must be sent to the following address: sezioneinternazionale@georgofili.it, and must arrive by the closing date of 10 December 2015.

The application must include:

- Name and surname, date of birth of the candidate;
- Title of the thesis;
- University, Faculty and Institute where the thesis has been discussed, with the date;
- E-mail contact address where all communications relative to this application should be received, plus a contact telephone number;
- Attestation of acceptance that personal data will be used in relation to the prize in conformity with the rules on the treatment of privacy in force.

The selection will be carried out on the basis of an evaluation with particular reference to:

- European and international pertinence
- Problem definition and rigorous analysis
- Originality of the approach and innovative character
- Presentation of solutions and quality of the conclusions

The Council of the International Section of the Georgofili in Brussels (in a collective manner or in a restrictive committee) will decide on the admissibility of all the candidates with particular reference to technical aspects and in terms of presentation.

The members of the International Section of the Georgofili in Brussels will designate in a collective manner or in a restrictive committee and in an independent fashion the most worthy theses on the basis of the Executive Summaries in English.

The eight theses that obtain the best results in the pre-selection phase, described in the previous paragraph, will be put to a “Scientific Jury” for final evaluation to decide the winner of the competition, (who will be designated by the Council of the International Section).

The Scientific Jury, presided by a well-known personality, will nominate the winner of the competition.

Selection Calendar

The announcement was published on 28 October 2015 and will be diffused in the newspapers and specialized press.

The applications must be submitted no later than 10 December 2015.

The evaluation will take place in the next 3 months, and the final decision will be taken by 10 March 2016.

The award ceremony will take place in Brussels or in Florence during the inauguration of the 2016 Academic Year of the Georgofili Academy within the following three months.

Amount of the prize

Other than the prize of €2000, the candidate will be reimbursed travel and hotel costs in Brussels or Florence up to a maximum of €500.