

The Bernese Prize for Environmental Research

Announcement of the 2005 Prize

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The „Bernese Prize for Environmental Research“ (henceforth called "Prize") has been created to support disciplinary and interdisciplinary research in the field of ecology and the environment at the University of Berne, Switzerland.

The Prize is funded by the „Handels- und Industrieverein des Kantons Bern“ and the „Berner KMU“ - the two major trade and industrial associations of the Canton of Berne.

The Prize is intended to honour researchers for excellent scientific papers making a socially relevant contribution to the better understanding of environmental issues and/or the solution of related problems.

It is intended primarily for young researchers.

For 2005 the Committee for the Bernese Prize for Environmental Research has not designated any specific subject or field of study.

Prize Sum

For 2005 the Prize is accompanied by a sum of 15'000 Swiss francs, which may be bestowed upon one or two papers. In addition to the Main Prize, the Committee can award prizes of special recognition to student research studies, of course within the limits of their financial possibilities.

Application

Papers deemed worthy may be nominated for the Prize by any scientist. The nomination must be accompanied by the following documents:

- the nominated paper in triplicate
- a scientific review of this paper as justification for the nomination
- curriculum vitae of the authors of the nominated paper, including bibliographies of published papers.

Additional points:

- The Prize may be given to one or several individuals. At least one of the contributors to the winning research paper must be a past or present researcher in the relevant field at the University of Berne. Contributions resulting from a cooperation between the University of Berne and other research institutions are especially welcome.
- As a rule the submitted paper should not yet have been published although it may be submitted or accepted for publication or future publication may be planned. The paper may be written in one of the official Swiss languages (German, French, Italian) or in English.
- Summaries and a list of all submitted papers can be made publicly available by the Committee.

Timeframe

- Submission of applications: Any nominations for 2005, including all the required documents listed above, must be submitted by 28 February 2005, addressed to: Interdisciplinary Centre for General Ecology (IKAÖ), Secretariat "Bernese Prize for Environmental Research", Falkenplatz 16, CH-3012 Berne, Switzerland.
- Award ceremony: The Main Prize will be awarded on Dies Academicus of the University of Berne, in December 2005, possible prizes of special recognition on the public lecture in January 2006.
- Public lecture: In the course of the Winter Term 2005/06, presumably on 26th of January, a public lecture by the award winner(s) will be held on the subject of the winning research paper.

Jurisdiction and Procedures

The Committee for the Bernese Prize for Environmental Research is responsible for any matters concerning this Prize, especially for the modalities regarding submission and review of papers, and the assessment of submitted applications. The Committee is at liberty to refer to external experts for reviews and assessments.

The decision of the Committee is final and may not be challenged.

None has any legal right to receive the Prize.

Members of the Award Committee

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