

# **“Dr. Darwin” Prize RULES**

The Italian Society for Evolutionary Biology (SIBE-ISEB), during the Conferences of 2013, 2015 and 2017, announced a 1000 euro prize called “Doctor Darwin”, to award young researchers/SIBE members, to stimulate researches in Evolutionary Medicine. At the 2017 Congress a renewal of the prize was established for the next Congresses (2019, 2022, 2024). The procedures are defined by this regulation.

Art. 1) The prize is for all SIBE members aged up to 40 years. The competitors must be members of SIBE from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year in which the conference is taken. For students and PhDs, this can be postponed to 30 days before the beginning of the conference, if they will be presented by a SIBE member with the above mentioned membership features.

Art. 2) The prize is for articles published (or accepted for publication) within 2 years before the conference or, if this does not apply to any request, to oral presentations at the conference, if a text will be included, which will be displayed at the conference.

Art. 3) The publication or oral presentation must have one or more young researchers among authors. If more authors are present, it is acknowledged that the other authors could be above 40 years old (see Art. 1), but in any case they do not compete for the prize. In case of oral presentation, the speaker must be a young researcher.

Art. 4) The publication/oral presentation must be on Evolutionary Medicine, which is, shortly, the application of Evolutionary Biology to the study, understanding, prevention and cure of diseases and dysfunctions.

Art. 5) The members that are interested in receiving the prize must send to the SIBE President, within 30 days from the beginning of the Conference, an electronic copy of the manuscript (accepted or published), or the slides of the presentation, along with the text to be displayed during the conference.

Art. 6) The proposed works will be examined by a Commission, which includes the SIBE President, who chairs it, by a member, possibly with competences in the field, designed by the SIBE Board, and by the proponent and sponsor of the prize (G. Liberini). The SIBE President forward requests to other members of the commission. The commission evaluates the proposed works, with procedures deemed appropriate, according to: 1) scientific strength; b) novelty; c) possible applications; d) ability to express and communicate the concepts of Evolutionary Medicine. The Commission will decide unanimously, or a majority. If Commission members may disagree, the opinion of the President is determinant.

Art. 7) The decisions are taken by the Commission before the end of the Conference and communicated by the President by the end of it.

Art. 8) The motivations of decision, as reported in a confidential report, can be published or maintained confidential, as decided by the Commission. In any case, if published, they are exposed by the President, or by a delegate of him, on behalf of the whole Commission.

Art. 9) The SIBE President command to the Sponsor Member, that is treasurer as well, to pay the prize to winner/s according to the procedures considered appropriate.

Art. 10) Any decision in derogation to present rules, but fully in line with the scope of this prize, can be uniquely taken by the Commission at unanimity. The decisions of the Commission are, in any case, unchallengeable.