



Ambasciata d'Italia in Belgio

“Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award”

Purpose

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) instituted the *“Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award”* in the year 2018 to recognize an Italian eminent scientist who, in performing his/her research abroad, has made a remarkable contribution to the advancement of science and technology, thus improving Italy’s S&T relations with foreign countries and with International Organizations.

- The award will be assigned during the Italian Scientific Attachés Conference in Italy to be held in Rome in 2019. All fields of science and technology are included under this award. The award consists of an engraved medal and a certificate of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Eligibility

- The *“Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award”* is granted to Italian scientists who have given an outstanding contribution in the field of science and technology and in the field of the advancement of scientific cooperation, through their activity in one of the following countries:

*Argentina, Australia, Austria, **Belgium**, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Jordan, Great Britain, India, Israel, Lithuania, Mexico, The Netherlands, Republic of Korea, the Republic of Singapore, Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Portugal, USA and Vietnam.*

- The nominee should be resident in the country where they are nominated for the award, at least since January 1st 2016.
- A nomination should be provided by an eminent scientist who is holding a leading position in a Scientific Academy, University, Research Institute or S&T Department of the Government of the Country in which the nominee is working.
- The nominee should be an established research leader with an excellent academic and/or scientific career with recognized track record of research achievements. She/he should have joint publications in high impact journals and/or should have invented technologies supported by international patents, in collaboration with the scientists from the above-

mentioned Countries in which she/he lives and works. Research in multilateral organizations hosted in the above-mentioned Countries will be considered as well.

- At the time of publication of this notice, the nominee shall be a Senior Researcher (PhD, 10 years from graduation).

The award will be granted without any restriction of sex, race or religion.

Evaluation Criteria and Mode of Selection

Nominees will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- The scientific impact of the applicant's work and research
- Relevance of the applicant's work to Italy's S&T cooperation with the above-mentioned Countries
- Potential for significant, long-term collaboration
- Potential to broaden the collaboration to a wider, institutional level
- Applicant's contribution to creative/innovative collaboration models
- Applicant's efficient and innovative use of research infrastructures
- Applicant's capacity to keep contacts with the Italian research community ¹

The Award Committee, chaired by the Director for Innovation and Research of the Directorate General for Cultural and Economic Promotion and Innovation of MAECI, Mr Fabrizio Nicoletti, will be composed by Presidents of the major Italian Research and Academic Institutions.

The winner of the *Italian Bilateral Cooperation Award* will be awarded during a Ceremony at the MAECI in 2019 at the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and the Minister of Education, University and Research.

How to Apply

The Call for Nomination will be published on the websites of the Italian Embassies in the above-listed Countries and will be also advertised to the relevant Belgian Research institutions and Universities.

Any scientist and institution willing to present a nomination may submit the format herewith enclosed to the following email address: commbruxelles@esteri.it

¹ i.e. promotion of young researchers mobility (incoming/outgoing); building bilateral research teams

Nomination Form

Nominee

Name:

Institution:

Present Position:

Postal address:

Email address:

Nominator

Name:

Institution:

Present Position:

Postal address:

Email address:

By submitting this form, the applicant agrees to the processing of his personal data as described in the attached privacy policy.

Please send the form to the Italian Embassy by the 13th February 2019 together with the following attachments in .pdf file:

1. Short Motivation for making this award (maximum 100 words).
2. Nominee's major scientific achievements (maximum 1 page).
3. The nominee's short CV (maximum 1 page) according to the applicable law in data protection.
4. List of nominee's most important publications (maximum 1 page).
5. Eventual letters of support for the nomination (maximum 2 letters of maximum 1 page each).
6. Declaration of the nominee taking note and accepting the conditions of the following

information on the protection of individuals with reference to the processing of personal data (General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, art. 13):

The processing of personal data required for selection of the "Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award" will conform to the principles of lawfulness, correctness and transparency in order to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals.

To this end, the following information is provided:

1. The Data Controller is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) of the Italian Republic which, in this specific case, operates via Office IX Directorate General Economic and Cultural Promotion and Innovation and the Embassy of Italy to Belgium (dgsp-09@esteri.it; tel. 0039 0636913619; Commercial Office – Embassy of Italy in Belgium tel. 0032 02 643 38 55)

2. For inquiries or complaints on privacy, interested parties may contact the MAECI data protection officer / DPO [responsabile protezione dati / RPD] (mailing address: Ministry of Foreign

Affairs and International Cooperation, Piazzale della Farnesina 1, 00135 ROMA, telephone: 0039 06 36911 (switchboard), email: rpd@esteri.it, certified email [pec]: rpd@cert.esteri.it).

3. The provision of requested personal data is mandatory in order to be admitted to the Award selection.

4. Data processing, performed by specially appointed personnel, will be carried out in manual and automated modes only for the Award selection.

5. Personal data will only be communicated to members of the selection committee. The name and CV of the winner will be disclosed to the media.

6. Applicants personal data shall be retained for a maximum period of 10 years. Winner personal data will be filed indefinitely for historical documentation.

7. Interested parties may request access to their personal data and the rectification of the same. Within the limits established by current Italian legislation and without prejudice to any consequences on the outcome of the award application, they may also request the erasure of such data, as well as the restriction of - or the objection to - data processing. In these cases, interested parties must submit a specific request to Offices mentioned above at point 1, and notify MAECI DPO of the same.

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