

PREMIO DI LAUREA BRUNO RAGONESE



*Thesis award in honour of
Bruno Ragonese
founder of 'Ente Fauna Siciliana'*

The Ente Fauna Siciliana (Naturalistic Association for Research and Conservation founded in 1973, based in Noto, Italy) announces a competition for the award of three prizes in euros (of 500, 300 and 200 respectively) to be awarded to young graduates (of not more than 25 years of age) who have completed and discussed a degree dissertation or thesis in the years 2020 and 2021 in one of the following thematic disciplines:

- Biological sciences
- Natural Sciences
- Geology
- Environmental Sciences
- Agricultural sciences
- Protected areas
- Environmental Management and Economics
- Environmental Literature and Philosophy

The competition is open to candidates who have obtained a degree from the University of Catania, University of Tunisia, or from the University of Malta. The papers (drawn up at the choice of the candidate in Italian, English or French) must refer to issues concerning the Mediterranean context.

Applications for participation in the Competition must be sent, in electronic format, to the Regional Secretariat of the Ente Fauna Siciliana by October 31, 2021, to the e-mail address segreteria@pec.entefaunasiciliana.it indicating complete personal details and the address of the candidate.

The following documents must be attached to the application:

1. Certificate or self-declaration of achievement of the degree and date of graduation.
2. Curriculum vitae.
3. Any other document useful for evaluating the scientific or study activity carried out.
4. Thesis dissertation in full form in .pdf format
5. Copy of an identification document.
6. Statement that the dissertation/thesis has not been published in any other form.
7. Declaration of unconditional acceptance of the outcome of the competition.

What has been received will remain in the records of the Secretariat of the Ente Fauna Siciliana.



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The three prizes will be awarded, after an evaluation of admissibility and at the discretion of the Scientific Commission, one for each of the three university territorial areas (referred to in the second paragraph) based on merit. A broad synthesis of the awarded works will be published in "Grifone", the official magazine of the Ente Fauna Siciliana, while the complete works will be published in Volume XIII 2021 of "Atti e Memorie dell'Ente Fauna Siciliana".

The scientific commission is made up of:

- Prof. Alfredo Petralia (President of the Ente Fauna Siciliana);
- Prof. Gian Pietro Giusso del Galdo (Director of the Department of Biological Geological and Environmental Sciences of the University of Catania);
- Prof. David Mifsud (Ass Professor at the Institute of Earth Systems and Director of the Center of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Malta);
- Prof. Said Nouria (Director of the Department of Biological Sciences of the University of Tunis-Elmanar. Tunisia);
- Prof. Giorgio Sabella (Professor of Protected Areas and of Protection and Management of Fauna of the University of Catania, Editor of "Grifone");
- Rag. Corrado Bianca (Regional Secretary of the Ente Fauna Siciliana), Secretary of the Commission Scientific.

The prizes will be officially awarded during a ceremony that will take place in presence in Noto (or remotely if necessary) on a date after the expiry of this announcement which will be communicated to those interested in the Competition.



Sixteen years after his death, the Sicilian Fauna Authority announces a "Degree Award" dedicated to the memory of its co-founder Bruno Ragonese: the prize fits into the theme of the naturalistic-scientific-cultural path that Bruno Ragonese himself traced as statutory ideal of the Association. In particular, this initiative is intended to young people to encourage them towards the study of nature, in its broadest sense, with a view of building a sustainable future.



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