

## **EFFS Award for the best PhD Dissertation in Freshwater Sciences Call 2017-2018**

1. The European Federation for Freshwater Sciences (EFFS) launches a new call of the EFFS Award for the best PhD Dissertation in Freshwater Sciences, which will recognize outstanding scientific and intellectual work in the field of Freshwater Sciences performed by Early Career Researchers in Europe.
2. Applicants for this Award will include all authors of doctoral theses presented in Europe in the field of Freshwater Sciences. Applicants should be members of an Association related to Freshwater Sciences and affiliated to the European Federation for Freshwater Sciences (EFFS). The PhD dissertation can be written in any European language.
3. Applicants should submit their application form to their reference Association. PhD dissertations **MUST** be accompanied by an extended abstract in English (max 5 printed pages single spaced, and containing a maximum of 4 figures). The extended abstract has to be signed by the supervisor(s) along with the list of publication related to the PhD work. Theses submitted without these documents will be not considered for further evaluation.
4. Federated Associations will perform a pre-selection according to common rules and time schedule for selection, and using evaluation criteria similar to those for Marie Curie fellowship proposals. E.g. PhD dissertation will be evaluated according to their scientific/technological quality (score 0-25), originality (0-25), methodological approach (0-25), relevance and potential scientific impact of the work carried out (0-25).
5. For this call, the PhD thesis must have been defended during the years 2017-2018.
6. Each Association can submit two selected PhD dissertations for the final evaluation by 15th January 2019. This number is increased proportionally for those Associations representing more than one European country (e.g. AIL collects both Spanish and Portuguese members and the number of dissertations can be 4). In any case, no more than four dissertations can be presented by each association.
7. The final evaluation will be carried out by an international Jury by the end of February 2019. Members of the Jury are identified among the members of the Board of Representatives at EFFS or designated scientists from the EFFS-federated associations. The evaluation criteria are based on the evaluation reports submitted by national associations, and, mainly, by the attribution of the scores specified in point 4 (above) to the extended abstract in English (point 3).
8. The Award will consider one main and two subsidiary prizes. The main prize will consist of a Diploma and a grant to attend the next Symposium for European Freshwater Sciences (SEFS-11) to be held in Zagreb (Croatia), including registration fee, travel and lodging. During this meeting, the winning author will be required to give a dedicated Plenary Lecture on his/her PhD dissertation topic. The winners of the subsidiary prizes will receive a Diploma and a grant covering the registration fee to attend the next Symposium for European Freshwater Sciences (SEFS).

9. Recipients of the Awards will be informed at least three months before the opening day of SEFS.
  
10. An awards ceremony will take place just before the dedicated Plenary Lecture. In addition to the Plenary Lecture – given by the main prize winner - the three winning theses will be exhibited during the next SEFS meeting in a section of the venue dedicated to the Association of European Fresh and Young Researchers (EFYR). The exhibition will include at least one hard copy of the theses (we will also encourage the distribution of e-copies) and a poster explaining the contents of each winning thesis. Hard copies, electronic copies (if any), and posters must be provided by the authors themselves.