



EFIMED Award to the Best Doctoral Thesis 2010

BACKGROUND

EFIMED would like to enhance and support young scientists working on Mediterranean forest research, who excel in their fields, by launching an Award to the best doctoral thesis 2010.

The award will be given to a young scientist who has made through his/her doctoral thesis a significant contribution to advancing Mediterranean forest science on one of the topics prioritized in the Mediterranean Forest Research Agenda. The work should be **innovative and original**, and deal with forest science or adjacent scientific disciplines of interest for forestry

REQUIREMENTS

Dates of PhD finalization	The candidate should have successfully defended his/her thesis during the academic year 2009/2010, that is, defended from 1 st September 2009 until 31 st August 2010.
Type of thesis	The PhD should be structured by articles. Monograph-type thesis will not be eligible.
Language	English. Main articles of the thesis (at least half) should be in English.
Peer-reviewed articles	At least one article should have been already accepted in an international scientific journal. More articles accepted and published would be an asset.
Topic of the thesis	The topic of the doctoral thesis should fit within the priorities of the Mediterranean Forest Research Agenda (MFRA): <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Impact of climate and land-use change on Mediterranean forest ecosystems functioning: assessing and monitoring main physical and biological processes including biodiversity

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Integration of the risk of forest fires in land use and landscape planning and management 3. Policy, economic and institutional aspects for sustainable provision of forest goods and services 4. Forest and woodlands in the context of integrated management of land resources: models and decision systems for optimising multi-objective and multi-actor problems <p>The thesis should geographically focus on the Mediterranean region and not on other Mediterranean climatic regions.</p>
Candidate's origin	There is no origin restrictions for applicants; applicant can be located everywhere, but working on the Mediterranean region.
Age	Young scientists. The definition of 'young' can be reasonably flexible, but the nominee should be climbing the research ladder and not yet near the top.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The selection of the best PhD on Mediterranean forestry is structured in three steps.

STEP 1. Pre-selection of candidates: candidates should send to EFIMED Secretariat email efimed@efi.int by October 31st 2010 the **EFIMED PhD Award form** (available online) dully filled.

STEP 2. Pre-selected candidates will be contacted by EFIMED Secretariat and requested for an electronic copy of the following documentation:

- a. A certified photocopy of the PhD title. In case it is on its way to be officially printed, the applicant should send a certified copy of the official certification by the Higher Education Institution of the approval of the PhD.
- b. Official document with:
 - i. the date of defense of the thesis,
 - ii. composition of the panel of judges or data of the opponent and
 - iii. note given by the opponent/tribunal/panel of judges to the thesis.
- c. Passport copy with personal data
- d. PDF copy of the thesis, including:
 - i. Extended executive summary in English (20-50 pages)
 - ii. Articles produced (at least one should have been accepted by the time of the application). The drafted articles will be used by EFIMED Secretariat and AG internally and confidentially, for the unique purpose of the evaluation of the PhD Award candidate.

STEP 3. Final Selection. Selected candidate will be requested to send the original documents for final checking.

PROCESS of the AWARD

Reception of Applications (step 1)	Deadline: 31 October 2010
Pre-selection	November
Communication with pre-selected candidates and reception of the supporting documents (step 2)	Deadline: 15 th December 2010
Selection: Award decision. In case no good enough candidates apply, the prize can be considered as void.	31 January 2011
Deadline for submission of original documents of the appointed (step 3)	28 February 2011
EFIMED Secretariat review of documentation. Communication for the prize-giving.	February-April
Award announcement and presentation in EFIMED Annual Meeting	5-8 th April 2011

AWARD

The prize consists of:

- 2000 EUROS; and
- Travel costs to the next EFIMED Annual Meeting, in order to present the work in the Scientific Seminar. This point includes: free registration fee, transport and accommodation, according to EFI Travel Rules.

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