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INVERNIZZI AWARD

Call for Nominations

2027 Edition | Agri-Food Sciences

The Invernizzi Award is promoted by Fondazione Romeo ed Enrica Invernizzi to acknowledge excellence in scientific research and to endorse researchers from all around the world who have already proven to have outstanding research and scientific leadership skills, aimed at identifying scholars who embody the future of international research and supporting their growth through an award of high scientific and cultural value.

Fondazione Romeo ed Enrica Invernizzi is now accepting nominations for the first international edition of the Invernizzi Award, awarded annually on a rotating basis in Agri-Food Sciences, Economics, and Medicine and Surgery. This edition will be devoted to Agri-Food Sciences focusing on a specific theme identified by an independent international Jury.

1. THE AWARD

- A single award shall be awarded in each edition.
- €1,000,000 shall be awarded to the laureate, whose name will be publicised at universities and research institutes around the world.
- At least 40% of the prize money shall be allocated, at the winner's discretion, to a research institution to fund further research within the discipline for which the prize is awarded.
- A specially commissioned sculpture, symbolising the Award, shall complement the award.

2. THEME OF 2027 EDITION

For each edition, the Jury shall identify a specific theme of particular relevance and strategic interest to the awarded discipline, which defines the scope within which nominations are assessed. The theme selected for the first edition refers to Agri-Food Sciences and is the following:

Microbiomes for agriculture

The Award is awarded to an outstanding researcher who has made groundbreaking discoveries on microbial communities associated with agricultural soils, plants and livestock: from their molecular mechanisms to their role in sustainable food production.

The scope includes research into genome/epigenome functions, metabolic pathways, molecular signalling and interactions between microorganisms and their hosts. Nominations are welcome for both fundamental research and applied advances that explain or improve nutrient cycling, resource use efficiency, disease resistance and resilience to environmental stresses.
Particular emphasis is placed on research with a clear link to agricultural outcomes, such as reducing dependence on chemical inputs, supporting better soil health and greater resilience in host organisms, and adaptation to or mitigation of climate change.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Nominees of any nationality shall:

- be under 50 years of age on 31st December 2027.
- have achieved scientific results of recognised international significance.
- have made a significant contribution to the theme of the edition.
- not hold any political office.

The Award shall be reserved for individuals, not institutions.

4. ENTITIES THAT CAN SUBMIT NOMINATIONS

Nominations may only be submitted by:

- Universities
- Public or private research bodies and institutions
- Academies
- Scientific societies
- Foundations
- Other qualified bodies operating in research
- One or several prominent individuals from the scientific community

The nominating party shall guarantee the accuracy and completeness of information submitted and shall confirm that it has duly informed the nominee of the terms and conditions of the Rules of the Award.

Self-nominations shall not be permitted.

A nominee may be nominated again in the future and may be eligible in more than one category.

5. HOW TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS

Nominations shall be submitted exclusively online, using the form available on the Award's website, in English, by 15th March 2027.

Nominations shall include:

- the details of the nominator and the nominee.
- a cover letter (Nomination Statement), of no more than 600 words, setting out the reasons for the nomination and the nominee's contribution to the theme of the edition.
- a curriculum vitae in PDF format (maximum two pages).
- from one to a maximum of ten papers/publications, selected from the most significant ones in the discipline and the theme covered by the Call for Nominations.
- Scientific papers submitted in support of the nomination, relevant to the theme of the Award, shall be uploaded in PDF format or made available via an open-access link. The Foundation may request additional documents in case it deemed it necessary for the purposes of assessment.

Nominations submitted after the deadline, sent by means other than those specified, incomplete or in a language other than English shall not be taken into consideration.

6. SELECTION AND JURY

Eligible nominations shall be assessed by an international, independent and autonomous Jury, comprising eight members of recognised scientific standing, who represent the three disciplines of the Award and the fields of humanities and science-technology.

The assessment shall take particular account of:

- the quality, originality and rigour of the scientific output
- the international relevance of outcomes achieved
- the potential for further development of the research and the scientific career
- the significance and groundbreaking nature of scientific contributions

The Jury's decisions shall be final and binding. The selection process shall be confidential.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT AND AWARD CEREMONY

- The Award shall be awarded to a single winner.

- The laureate shall be informed privately by the Foundation prior to the relevant public announcement.
- The name of the laureate shall be subsequently published on the Foundation's website and via its official communication channels; the assessment process shall be confidential and shall fall within the exclusive remit of the Jury.
- Personal attendance at the awards ceremony in Milan shall be a precondition for accepting the Award; on that occasion, the laureate shall deliver a keynote lecture (Invernizzi Award Lecture) on his/her research.
- No later than one week after the award ceremony, the laureate shall identify the research institution that shall receive the grant and define the amount of such grant, which in any case shall not be less than 40% of the Award, and shall notify it to the Foundation, also providing photographic material and any information required for institutional communications.

8. FINAL PROVISIONS

The present Call for Nominations has been drawn up in accordance with the Rules of the Award, which shall form an integral part thereof.

When submitting a nomination, the nominator fully and unreservedly accepts the provisions of the present Call for Nominations and the Rules of the Award, undertaking to comply with all conditions, terms and procedures set out therein. In the event of any conflict or discrepancy between the provisions of the present Call for Nominations and those of the Rules, the latter shall prevail.

The Foundation reserves the right to amend the present Call for Nominations, extend the deadlines for submitting nominations or take any other organisational measures deemed to be needed for the proper conduct of the procedure and shall give prompt notice of such changes on its official website.

9. COPYRIGHT, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND USE OF NOMINATION MATERIALS

When submitting a nomination, the nominator shall accept the following conditions regarding copyright and the use of materials:

- The materials provided specifically for the purposes of the nomination (nomination form, curriculum vitae, abstract and any other documents drawn up for this purpose) are submitted to the Foundation free of charge. The Foundation shall be authorised to use them for its own institutional purposes relating to the Award — including communications, historical archives and publications — without the need for further authorisation. Copyright of the nominee's academic works shall remain with the

respective copyright holders and shall not be acquired by the Foundation in any way as a result of participation.

- When submitting the nomination, the nominator shall also authorise the Foundation to use the nominee's name and essential biographical information for communication and promotion of the Award, without remuneration. The winner of the Award shall be invited to sign a specific release form to this effect.
- The nominator shall guarantee to have full authorization to submit the materials provided and that these do not infringe the rights of third parties, thereby indemnifying the Foundation against any claims arising from any such infringements.

In matters not expressly provided for herein, the provisions of applicable law shall apply.

10. PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

The Foundation undertakes to process the data and materials received in accordance with current legislation on the protection of personal data and, in particular, with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and Legislative Decree (IT) No. 196/2003. For further information regarding the Foundation's processing of personal data, please refer to the privacy policy.

11. CONTACT DETAILS

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12. IN BRIEF

SUBJECT AND THEME	**Agri-Food Sciences** **Microbiomes for agriculture:** The Award is awarded to an outstanding researcher who has made groundbreaking discoveries on microbial communities associated with agricultural soils, plants and livestock: from their molecular mechanisms to their role in sustainable food production. The scope includes research into genome/epigenome functions, metabolic pathways, molecular signalling and interactions between microorganisms and their hosts. Nominations are welcome for both fundamental research and applied advances that explain or improve nutrient cycling, resource use efficiency, disease resistance and resilience to environmental stresses. Particular emphasis is placed on research with a clear link to agricultural outcomes, such as reducing dependence on chemical inputs, supporting better soil health and greater resilience in host organisms, and adaptation to or mitigation of climate change.
AMOUNT	**€1,000,000,** of which at least 40% to be allocated to a research institution designated by the winner. A sculpture symbolising the Award.
ELIGIBILITY	Scholars of any nationality, aged under 50 in the year the Award is awarded. Self-nominations are not permitted; nominees currently holding political office are not eligible.
ANNOUNCEMENT AND AWARD CEREMONY	**Announcement of the laureate: July 2027** **Award ceremony: September 2027**
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