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RULES OF THE INVERNIZZI AWARD

Art. 1 – Purpose and Objectives of the Award

The Invernizzi Award was established by Fondazione Romeo ed Enrica Invernizzi to encourage research in the disciplines – as set out in its Statutes – of Economics, Agri-Food Sciences and Medicine-Surgery, with a particular focus on scientists and scholars who have already stood out in their field and therefore have clear potential for further growth and recognition. For such scientists and scholars, the Award aims at acting as a "catalyst" for the achievement of further professional milestones and success on the international arena.

Art. 2 – Awarding of the Award

A single Award is awarded each year on a rotating basis across the three disciplines, so that each is recognised every three years. The Jury shall be responsible for the selection of the winner.

Art. 3 – Profile of the Award Winners

The Award may be awarded to scholars and scientists from all around the world who, in the year when the award is given:

- are under 50 years of age;
- have made significant and innovative scientific contributions that are recognised worldwide;
- do not hold any political office at the time of selection.

Art. 4 – Amount of the Award

The Award amounts to €1 million.

A portion of the Award, not less than 40 per cent, shall be allocated to a research institution designated by the laureate, to fund further research projects in the same field.

A specially commissioned sculpture, symbolising the Prize, complements the Award.

Art. 5 – Obligations of the Laureate and the Beneficiary Institution

The award-winner shall attend the award ceremony organised by the Foundation in person, failing which the award shall be forfeited; during the ceremony, he or she shall be required to deliver a keynote speech. The award-winner shall undertake to notify the Foundation as soon as possible, no later than one week after the date of the award ceremony, of the institution to which part of the Award shall be donated. The laureate shall also undertake to provide a photograph of him/herself and any information required for publications.

The beneficiary institution shall undertake to acknowledge the donation received through the appropriate channels and/or by means of a plaque. The institution shall also undertake to send a representative to attend the Award ceremony.

Art. 6 – Call for Nominations

For each edition of the Award the Jury shall select a specific theme of importance and relevance to the future of research within the subject area to be recognised.

The call for nominations shall be published on the website of the Award and shall also be disseminated through various communication channels and sent to universities and public and private research institutes.

The call for nominations shall specify:

- the discipline;
- the specific topic chosen by the Jury;
- the deadlines for submitting nominations;
- the rules and procedures for submitting nominations.

Nominations shall be submitted solely via the form (in English) available on the Foundation's website. Unsolicited self-nominations shall not be taken into consideration.

The nomination shall be two pages long, written in English, and shall include:

- the nominator's details;
- the nominee's details;
- the reasons for submitting the nomination, with a clear reference to the nominee's contribution to the theme covered by the call for nominations;

The following shall be attached to the nomination:

- the nominee's curriculum vitae;
- a photograph of the nominee;
- a maximum of ten articles/papers selected among the most relevant in the discipline and on the subject covered by the call for nominations.

Art. 7 – Jury

The Jury is an autonomous and independent body. It carries out its duties in accordance with the present rules, whilst upholding the principles and values of the Foundation.

The Jury consists of eight members selected as follows:

- two specialists in economics;
- two specialists in agri-food subjects;
- two specialists in medical subjects;
- one expert in humanities;
- one expert in STEM disciplines.

The Jury shall comprise at least three female members and no more than three members of the same nationality.

Jury members shall have held or currently hold a prominent scientific position, shall have published papers in the field they are called upon to represent in the Jury, and shall have proven visibility and reputation within the field they represent.

A representative of the Foundation – in the person of the Managing Director – who has no voting rights and is responsible for organisational and coordination matters – shall participate in all the Jury's activities.

The Jury shall reach its decisions by open vote, by a majority of at least five of its members.

Minutes of the Jury's meetings shall be drawn up, recorded in a designated register and signed by the Foundation's representative, in his/her capacity as Chair of the meeting, and by a Secretary appointed by those present.

Art. 8 – Appointment of the Jury

The Foundation Board shall be responsible for appointment of the Jury.

The composition of the first Jury shall be determined as follows.

The Foundation Board shall appoint at least two independent experts for each discipline who have never had any previous association with the Foundation, having proven knowledge and expertise in the discipline they are called upon to represent. The experts, in turn, shall submit to the Board a suitable shortlist of potential jury members. The experts shall be paid an honorarium for their work, commensurate with the time dedicated.

For subsequent appointments, the Jury shall propose a shortlist of candidates to the Foundation Board, amongst whom it may give preference to previous winners of the Award. The Board shall assess the suitability of the proposals in accordance with the criteria set out in the rules and, more generally, with the values of independence, impartiality and consistency that shall guide its work.

Each jury member shall be paid an attendance allowance. Furthermore, the Foundation shall cover travel, board and lodging expenses.

Art. 9 – Term of Office of a Jury Member

A juror shall remain in office until two awads relating to his/her discipline have been awarded; his/her term of office may be renewed only once until a further two awards have been awarded in their discipline. Experts in humanities and STEM disciplines shall remain in office six years, with a non-renewable term of office.

If a juror passes, withdraws, resigns or is otherwise disqualified, the procedure set out in Article 8 shall apply for subsequent appointments.

Article 10 – Functions and Obligations of the Jury

The Jury shall:

- select the specific theme of the call for nominations for each edition;
- select the award winners and set out the reasons for their selection;
- draw up a shortlist of new jury members when necessary;

- meet twice a year, either in person in Milan or at a venue designated by the Foundation, to select the theme and the winner, and attend the awards ceremony.

The official language of the Jury is English.

Each juror shall undertake to:

- carry out his/her duties with integrity and transparency;
- carry out his/her role in accordance with the present rules;
- examine all applications thoroughly;
- maintain confidentiality regarding the deliberations and the identity of the winner selected until the winner is announced;
- give prompt notice in the event of resignation from his/her role.

Art. 11 – Role of the Foundation's Representative

The Foundation's representative shall:

- coordinate the work of the Jury;
- keep the Foundation's President and Board informed on the progress of the Jury's work and nominations received;
- keep the jurors specialising in the subject area of the call for nominations informed on the progress of nominations and, in consultation with them, assess whether to send targeted reminders to certain institutions and universities or not;
- assess, on the Jury's recommendation, the possibility of consulting experts on the specific subject of the call for nominations.

The Foundation's representative shall not be entitled to any attendance allowance.

Art. 12 Announcement of the Winner and Award Ceremony

The announcement is the moment when the President of the Foundation – in the presence of one or several jury members – announces the name of the winner and the date of the award ceremony. The winner shall be informed a few days before the announcement.

The award ceremony shall take place in Milan at the Foundation's premises in the presence of the winner.