



Oldendorf (Luhe) 2021

ECI and IRPE Prize Guidelines

§ 1 Purpose

The ECI Prize and IRPE Prize are intended to recognize outstanding scientific achievements in the field of ecology. From 2019 both awards are given every two years.

The **ECI Prize** (International Ecology Institute) is given to an ecologist distinguished by outstanding and sustained scientific achievements in the following categories:

- Marine ecology (last awarded in 2019)
- Freshwater ecology (last awarded in 2018)
- Terrestrial ecology (last awarded in 2017)

In 2021 The International Ecology Institute will award a scientist in **terrestrial ecology**.

A requirement for the ECI Prize winner is to write a book on a topic of their own choosing, see § 5.

The **IRPE Prize** (International Recognition of Professional Excellence) honors a young ecologist (not older than 45 years, or within 15 years of PhD submission) who has published uniquely independent, original and/or challenging research representing an important scientific breakthrough, and/or who must work under particularly difficult conditions.

The ECI Prize winner receives € 6000. The IRPE Prize winner receives € 3000.



§ 2 Call for Nominations

The collection of nominations starts on **2020-02-12**, and nominations must be sent no later than **2021-05-31**.

Nominations for the 2021 prize winners are open to research ecologists worldwide and must include:

- The candidate's CV including a list of publications
- The completed nomination form
- A short outline of the book that the candidate would wish to write if successful (only for ECI Prize candidates)

Nominations should be submitted via the ECI website ([Contactform](#)) or via email to the ECI Administrative Assistant, Danka Radowska, [danka\(at\)int-res.com](mailto:danka(at)int-res.com). Please use the subject line "ECI/IRPE Prize" with the name of the candidate. Nominators must obtain the consent of the nominee to be nominated for the prize.

§ 3 Selection Procedure

All applications for the ECI Prize and the IRPE Prize will be assessed by a jury of distinguished ecologists convened by Honorary Director Prof. Stephen J. Hawkins. The ECI members are composed of renowned ecologists, several of whom might be ECI Prize laureates (by tradition, ECI Prize laureates are invited to join the staff). We expect to announce the winner by the end of June 2021.

§ 4 Awarding of the Prize

The official Prize Awarding Ceremony for the 2021 winners will take place in 2022 after discussing an appropriate date for all parties.



§ 5 Book requirements

The ECI prize honors the recipient and requires him or her to serve science and society by authoring a book taking into account the ECI's aims. The book is published in the series 'Excellence in Ecology' (EE) (print and ebook) and made available worldwide on a non-profit basis. EE books invite authors to present their personal experiences, insights and visions, to criticize freely, and to courageously formulate new scientific concepts.

The winner of the ECI prize is required to deliver the draft of the book within 3 years and is welcome to present an outline of the book during the award ceremony.

§ 6 Data protection

Information on data protection:

We process your personal data in compliance with the applicable data protection regulations, in particular the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act of Lower Saxony (NDSG). (See www.int-res.com/privacypolicy/ for further information).

The data controller is:

Inter Research Science Center

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For further information see <https://www.int-res.com/Services/Forms/CallForNominations/mailform.php>