



YOUNG SCIENTISTS AWARD

Best work on policy relevant to Alpine issues

2011/2012

The Alps are a “living space in change”. In order to manage and develop natural and human resources in a sustainable way, creativity is fundamental both in daily life as well as in science and research. Innovation and “free thinking” play a key role.

Science and research are essential elements in enhancing sustainable development and young scientists play a crucial role when it comes to innovation. Research in the Alps, and on topics relevant to the Alpine Convention and its implementation, is a major challenge: trans-disciplinary, integrative, application-oriented and heavily reliant on innovative ideas.

The Award: The Alpine Convention will award young scientists for their work (diploma, dissertation, and master’s thesis) on topics closely related to the objects of the Convention. The aim is to give young scientists the opportunity to contribute to policy-relevant discussion on alpine issues in the frame of the Alpine Convention.

Three prizes, each of 1000 Euros, will be awarded on an international public event end of 2012.

Entries should be works in social sciences or natural sciences - ideally the work should be interdisciplinary and international. A list of themes relevant to the Alpine Convention’s current discussions is annexed to this description of the award.

The best work will be selected by an international scientific jury invited by the Alpine Convention.

Format: Abstract of max. 5 pages A4 in English and the full document of the final thesis (in the original language)

Language: English

Participant obligations:

Submit the abstract by August 30th 2012, including: Title; Author's Full Name(s), Institution(s), Adresse(s), and E-mail(s); abstract

Criteria used by the jury in the evaluation:

- Novelty and innovation in research
- Relevance to current policy issues for sustainable development in the Alps
- Relevance for the wider Alpine area and interdisciplinary merit

The award is organised and sponsored by the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention

Contact for abstract submission: research@alpconv.org

Annex: Application form
List of themes relevant to the Alpine Convention