

Call for Proposals 2017



Bernhard Rensch Prize for Biological Systematics of the GfBS

The Bernhard Rensch Prize is being awarded annually by the Society of Biological Systematics (GfBS, Germany, <http://www.gfbs-home.de>) to a young scientist who has demonstrated exceptional work in any area of biological systematics. The award was launched by the GfBS according to a suggestion by the late Prof. Dr. Ernst Mayr (1904-2005), an honorary member of the GfBS, who also helped underwrite the endowment for the prize with a generous contribution. The prize honours the lifelong work of Bernhard Rensch, one of the founders of the 'New Systematics'.

Eligible for consideration is any significant work (e.g., Bachelor's or Master's thesis, PhD dissertation, or the equivalent) where the applicant is the sole or primary author. The study can be in any area in which the GfBS is involved, with botanical, paleontological, and zoological (broadly defined) studies all being equally desired. All submitted work will be judged according to its scientific quality, innovativeness and creativity by the Bernhard Rensch Committee, consisting of members of the council of the GfBS and one additional, external jury member.

The prize of 1,500 € together with the Bernhard Rensch Medal will be awarded at the BioSyst.EU meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden (15.-18.08.2017), where the recipient will present the work in a public seminar (see also: <http://www.conferencemanager.se/BiosystEU2017/start.html>). The Society will pay all costs of the recipient associated with attending the annual meeting as well as awarding a free one-year membership to the Society.

The following is a summary of the key points associated with an application for the prize:

- The prize is open to all members of the scientific community, whether or not they are members of the GfBS. Candidates can be either self-nominated or nominated by another person.
- The candidate must be either the sole or primary author of the nominated work.
- Only works written in either English or German can, unfortunately, be taken into consideration.
- The nominated work can be in any of the areas of systematic botany, palaeontology, or zoology, each of which will be judged equally.
- The candidates must have defended their PhD no more than three years before the submission deadline.
- Applications must be submitted as pdf via Email (not larger than 25 MB, email: michael.raupach@rub.de) or CD. A short summary of the candidate's academic career and any other relevant material, either about the study or the candidate, is also welcome.

All **applications must be received by 30th April 2017** and be sent to: PD Dr. Michael Raupach, Schulstraße 9a, 26180 Rastede (or michael.raupach@rub.de).