



Ambasciata d'Italia in Vienna

“Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award”

Purpose

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) instituted the *“Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award”* in the year 2017 to recognize an Italian eminent scientist who, in performing his/her research abroad, has made a remarkable contribution to the advancement of science and technology, thus improving Italy’s S&T relations with foreign countries and with International Organizations.

The award will be presented during the Italian Scientific Attachés Conference in Italy to be held in Rome on 5th February 2018. All fields of science and technology are included under this award. The award consists of an engraved medal and a certificate of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Eligibility

- The *“Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award”* is available to Italian scientists who have given an outstanding contribution in the field of science and technology and in the field of the advancement of scientific cooperation, through their activity in one of the following countries: Argentina, Australia, **Austria**, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, France, Germany, Japan, Great Britain, India, Israel, Lithuania, Mexico, The Netherlands, Republic of Korea, the Republic of Singapore, Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, USA and Vietnam.
- **The nominee should be resident in the country where they are nominated for the award, at least since January 1st 2015.**
- A nomination should be provided by an eminent scientist who is holding a leading position in a Scientific Academy, University, Research Institute or S&T Department of the Government of the Country in which the nominee is working. The nominee should have an excellent academic and/or scientific career and should have joint publications in high impact journals and/or should have invented technologies supported by international patents, in collaboration with the scientists from the above-mentioned Countries in which she/he lives and works. Research in multilateral organizations hosted in the above-mentioned Countries will be considered as well.
- At the time of publication of this notice, the nominee shall be an Experienced Researcher (PhD, 4-10 years from graduation).

- The award will be granted without any restriction of sex, race or religion.

Evaluation Criteria and Mode of Selection

Nominees will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- The scientific impact of the nominee's work and research
- Relevance of the nominee's work to Italy's S&T cooperation with the above-mentioned Countries
- Nominee's contribution to innovation

The Award Committee, chaired by the Director for Innovation and Research of the Directorate General for Cultural and Economic Promotion and Innovation of MAECI, Mr Fabrizio Nicoletti, will be composed by Presidents of the major Italian Research and Academic Institutions.

The Award Committee will communicate the winner of the Award by the beginning of January 2018.

The winner of the *Italian Bilateral Cooperation Award* will be awarded in a Ceremony at the MAECI on February 5th 2018 at the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Angelino Alfano, and the Minister of Education, University and Research, Valeria Fedeli.

How to Apply (researchers resident in Austria)

The Call for Nomination will be published on the website of the Italian Embassy in Vienna (www.ambvienna.esteri.it) and the Italian Cultural Institute in Vienna (www.iicvienna.esteri.it).

Any scientist and institution willing to present a nomination may submit the form herewith enclosed to the following email address: commerciale.vienna@esteri.it

Nomination Form

Nominee

Name:

Institution:

Present Position:

Postal address:

Email address:

Nominator

Name:

Institution:

Present Position:

Postal address:

Email address:

Please send the form by November 10th, 2017 to the Italian Embassy in Vienna (commerciale.vienna@esteri.it) together with the following attachments as .pdf files (the maximum size limit (per email) is 10MB):

1. Short motivation for making this award (maximum 100 words).
2. Nominee's major scientific achievements (maximum 1 page).
3. The nominee's short CV (maximum 1 page) according to the applicable law in data protection.
4. List of nominee's most important publications (maximum 1 page).
5. Eventual letters of support for the nomination (maximum 2 letters of maximum 1 page each).

All information provided will be treated according to the Italian Law (Decreto Legislativo n. 196 del 2003).