

SSS Prize for the best Master thesis

The SSS wants to encourage brilliant young scientists in their early career and therefore set up a yearly prize that will reward an excellent contribution in the field of systematics at the level of a Master thesis.

Both self candidacies and submissions by an academic sponsor are possible, but in order to be considered, the following criteria must be fulfilled:

- The Master thesis ("the work") must essentially focus on a biological systematics-related topic, based on recent or fossil material. Faunas, floras, fungal floras, phylogenetic studies, molecular systematics studies, software pieces or any other contribution to the field may compete as long as they have been submitted to fulfil the requirements of a Master thesis work conducted in a Swiss scientific Institution.
- The work must be in its final form and must be submitted to the SSS President (*see <http://www.swiss-systematics.ch/e/contact/>*) between Aug 1st of the previous year and July 31st of the current year.
- The work must preferably be in English (or one of the national languages).
- The work should be sent electronically, together with an official document confirming its final acceptance in its home Institution (as well as a PDF of possible derived publications). All documents should be received by the SSS on or before July 31st of the current year.

The work will be evaluated by a panel of 3 scientists, 2 of them from the SSS board and one external. Advice from additional specialists may be sought if necessary. The SSS reserves its right not to distribute the prize should it decide that no candidate deserves it. The decision of the jury is final.

The winner of the prize will be informed by mid-October and the official result will be communicated during the SSS day (usually in November), where laureates will be encouraged to communicate.

The annual prize consist of: - a money prize (300 CHF); - a 3 years membership to the SSS and an official certificate.