



Embassy of Italy  
Riga

## **ITALIAN BILATERAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AWARDS**

**- Latvia -**

### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy (MAECI) established the “Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award” to recognize the work of an Italian experienced scientist who has remarkably contributed to the advancement of science and technology (S&T) while performing his/her research abroad, thus improving Italy’s S&T relations with foreign countries and International Organizations.
- 1.2. The award will be presented during the Italian Scientific Attachés Conference to be held in 2024 at a date and place to be announced. All fields of science and technology are included under this award. The award consists of an engraved medal and a diploma signed by the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

#### **2. Eligibility requirements**

- 2.1. The “Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award” is awarded to an Italian scientist presently active in Latvia for his/her outstanding contribution to the advancement of bilateral scientific cooperation in any field of science and technology.
- 2.2. The nominees should be a resident of Latvia for the award at least since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.
- 2.3. The nominees should be an independent scientist with 3-7 years of experience since completion of their PhD degree, holding a very good scientific track-record and carrying out top level research activities in collaboration with foreign scientists active in Latvia. Research activities within multilateral organizations are also eligible.
- 2.4. The nomination should be submitted by an eminent scientist who is holding a leading position in Latvia in a Scientific Academy, University, Research Institute or S&T Department of the Government. Self-nominations are not eligible, nor are nominations from immediate family members. Teams are not eligible for the nomination. Qualified nominators may be: Heads of University or Scientific Institutions, Members of Academies of Science, Holders of Research Chairs, Full professors.
- 2.5. Age limit: maximum 35 years of age at the time of publication of this notice.

#### **3. Evaluation Criteria and Selection Procedures**

- 3.1. Nominees will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- scientific impact of the work presented;
- relevance of the nominee's work for Italian S&T cooperation with Latvia;
- nominee's ability to keep contacts with the Italian scientific community and corresponding potential for significant, long-term international collaboration;
- promotion of young researchers' mobility to and from Italy as a mean to foster the establishment of bilateral research teams;
- nominee's contribution to creative/innovative collaboration models;

3.2. The Award Committee, chaired by the Head of Office IX of the Directorate General for Country Promotion at MAECI, will be composed by the Presidents and/or Representatives of major Italian research and academic institutions.

3.3. The Italian Bilateral Cooperation Award will be presented in 2024 during a ceremony to be held during the Conference of Italian Scientific Attachés in the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy.

#### 4. How to Apply

4.1. The Call for Nominations is posted on the website of the Italian Embassy in Riga. **The deadline to submit applications is set for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 12:00 (Riga).**

4.2. In order to apply, scientists and scientific institutions need to send the application dossier **via email at the following address [culturale.riga@esteri.it](mailto:culturale.riga@esteri.it)**.

The application dossier consists of the following documents:

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| A | Application form (see <b>Annex 1</b> ).  |
| B | Short motivation for awarding this prize (maximum 100 words) signed by the "nominator".  |
| C | Nominee's major scientific achievements (maximum 1 page).  |
| D | Nominee's short CV (maximum 2 pages) according to the applicable law in data protection.   |
| E | List of Nominee's most important publications (maximum 1 page).  |
| F | Nominee's activities with the Italian scientific community (maximum 1 page)  |
| G | Optional letters of support for the nomination (maximum 2 letters of maximum 1 page each) provided by eminent scientists other than the nominator. |
| H | Privacy statement with date and signature (see <b>Annex 2</b> )  |

The application dossier shall be sent as one single .pdf file.

**Riga, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023**

The Ambassador  
Alessandro Monti

## **ANNEX 1**

### **APPLICATION FORM**

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##### **NOMINEE**

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|---------------------------|---------|
| Name and Surname:         |         |
| Date and Place of Birth:  |         |
| Nationality:              | ITALIAN |
| Resident in Latvia since: |         |
| Year of PhD completion:   |         |
| Current Institution:      |         |
| Current Position:         |         |
| Postal address:           |         |
| Email address:            |         |

##### **NOMINATOR**

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|--------------------------|--|
| Name and Surname:        |  |
| Date and Place of Birth: |  |
| Nationality:             |  |
| Current Institution:     |  |
| Current Position:        |  |
| Postal address:          |  |
| Email address:           |  |

## **ANNEX 2**

### **INFORMATION ON THE PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH REFERENCE TO THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA (GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (EU) 2016/679, ART. 13)**

The processing of personal data required for the purpose of participating in the Award will conform to the principles of lawfulness, correctness and transparency in order to protect the fundamental rights and freedom of individuals. To this purpose, the following information is provided:

1. The Data Controller is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) of the Italian Republic which, in this specific case, operates via Office IX DGSP – ([dgsp-09@esteri.it](mailto:dgsp-09@esteri.it); tel. 0039 0636913619).
2. For inquiries or complaints, interested parties are entitled to address the MAECI data protection officer / DPO [responsabile protezione dati / RPD] (mailing address: Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione internazionale, Piazzale della Farnesina 1, 00135 ROMA, telephone: 0039 06 36911 (switchboard), email: [rpd@esteri.it](mailto:rpd@esteri.it), certified email [pec]: [rpd@cert.esteri.it](mailto:rpd@cert.esteri.it)).
3. The personal data requested are needed to participate in the selection procedure of the present the call. The processing of recipients' personal data is meant exclusively for the purposes of the selection procedure for the award of the prize.
4. The legal bases applicable are: the "Science She Says award" selection procedure; the Italian legislation on administrative transparency; the applicant's consent; the EU Data Protection Regulation (EU 2016/679). The applications will be dismissed in the following cases:
  - No data are provided, or
  - the applicant's consent is withdrawn
5. Data processing, performed by especially appointed personnel, will be carried out by manual and automated modalities exclusively for the purposes of the present selection procedure.
6. Personal data provided will be exclusively processed by persons responsible for the selection procedure, whose interest is legitimate according to Italian law, or to whom such data is owed by legal requirements. The recipient's CV and name will be released to the press.
7. Personal data of the prize recipients shall be retained indefinitely for documentation. The remaining applicants' personal data shall be retained for a maximum of 10 years after the award ceremony.
8. Applicants may request access to their personal data as well as their correction. Within the limits established by current legislation and without prejudice to any consequences on the outcome of the selection procedure, applicants may also request the cancellation of such data, as well as limitations of – or opposition to – data processing. In such cases, applicants must submit a specific request to the MAECI data protection officer (see art. 1).
9. If you believe your rights have been violated, a complaint may be addressed to the MAECI DPO (see art. 2.). Alternatively, you may contact the Italian Data Supervisory Authority [Garante per la Protezione dei Dati personali] (mailing address: Piazza Venezia, 11 00187 ROMA, telephone: 0039 06 696771 (switchboard), email: [protocollo@gdpd.it](mailto:protocollo@gdpd.it), certified email: [protocollo@pec.gdpd.it](mailto:protocollo@pec.gdpd.it))

Date and Place

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Signature

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