

ENI AWARD 2010

Debut in Research Prize

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Eni is one of the most important vertically integrated energy companies in the world. It operates in the oil, natural gas, electricity production, engineering and construction and petrochemical product sectors and it is engaged in developing research into and the production, transport, conversion and trading of hydrocarbons. Eni is also involved in several scientific research projects on renewable energy technologies, particularly in the two major areas of biofuels and solar energy. Operating in about seventy countries, Eni invests in people and their education, aiding development through the integration of social, environmental and cultural issues in full respect of individual and community rights and national diversity. For the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 Eni is offering the Eni Award for research and innovation in the fields of energy and the environment.

1) Aims

The *Debut in Research Prize* is one of the five awards categories of the Eni Award which also include the *Renewable and Non-conventional Energy Prize*; the *Protection of the Environment Prize*; the *New Frontiers of Hydrocarbons Prize* and the *Eni Innovation Awards*. The purpose of the *Debut in Research Prize*, which is the subject of this Announcement, is to promote research on sustainable energy.

2) The *Debut in Research Prize*

The Prize is awarded to two Ph.D. theses on research conducted in Italian Universities regarding on the subjects of the efficiency of the exploitation of hydrocarbons, renewable and non-conventional energy and the environment protection. The theses must have been presented and discussed at Italian Universities in the year of, or in the year immediately prior to, the date of this Official Announcement.

The Prize is awarded to students born in or after the year 1980.

3) The Prizes

Each of the two winners declared by the Organizing Committee of the Eni Award will receive a prize consisting of a gold medal specially minted by the

Italian *Zecca di Stato* (State Mint) and €25,000 (twenty-five thousand euros).

The Prizes are awarded to the research theses that the Organizing Committee of the Eni Award nominates as the winners by 31 January 2010.

4) Application procedure and deadline

Applications for the *Debut in Research* Prize must be presented and vouched for by University Chancellors; Deans of Faculty; Directors of Department; Professors of Universities and Polytechnics operating in Italy in the specific – or similar - fields for which the Prize is awarded. Independent applications will not be considered.

The deadline for the presentation of the candidatures to the ***Debut in Research Prize*** falls on the 30 of October 2009 before and no later than 5 p.m.

The candidature application forms are available on the www.eniaward.net website and must be sent as follows:

1. **The Candidature Proposal and the Summary of the Thesis** have to be loaded on the Eni Award 2010 Candidates private area. The access to the private area must be requested to the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat (eniaward@feem.it) that will provide an account for the procedure.
2. A copy of the Thesis **in electronic form, titles of merit, certificates, technical evaluations and eventual publications if any**, must be sent by e-mail to the following address :
Repository-eniaward@feem.it
3. Following the formal registration of the Candidature Proposal a **Summary File** containing the main data of the proposal and the **Completion Code** assigned to each candidate.
The aforesaid file must be signed by **the Guarantor** and sent by fax to the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat at the following number : 00 39 02 48 77 24 before and no later than the deadline defined by this Official Announcement.

5) Choosing the winner

The Scientific Committee shall assess whether each application meets the admittance requirements.

The Committee shall examine the work of the applications that have been accepted and shall present the name of the chosen winners of the *Debut in Research* Prize to the Organizing Committee of the Eni Award by 22 January, 2010.

The Scientific Committee is composed of a maximum of 27 Members, who are representatives of the International Scientific Community chosen by the Organizing Committee.

6) Regulations

The Eni Award and this Official Announcement are regulated by the Eni Award Regulations and approved by the Organizing Committee. The text of the regulations is available on the www.eniaward.net website.

7) Contact details

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