AIL call for the attribution of registration grants to attend the course “Enfoque relacional y “Political Ecology” para el estudio de conflictos agua-población ante el cambio global en casos de estudio de Castilla-La Mancha”

The Iberian Limnological Association (AIL) will offer 4 grants to attend the course to be held in Toledo (Castilla la Mancha, Spain) the 22nd and 23th of June 2016 (http://cursosdeverano.uclm.es). Course grants will be of 50€ to cover the registration.

CANDIDATES

- Only members of the Young AIL group (J-AIL) that have their fees updated at the moment this call opens can submit an application. Young researchers are students and post-doctoral researchers that have defended their PhD thesis up to four years before this call opens.
- This registration grant cannot be accumulated with any other inscription grant to attend the same course. This grant will be attributed only if the candidate’s institution does not grant him/her with the course inscription, which needs to be testified in a written declaration to be signed by the candidate.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application form and associated documents need to be sent by e-mail, in a single file, to the J-AIL representative in the board (Veronica Ferreira, veronica@ci.uc.pt) until 23:59h (22:59h in Portugal) of the 26th May 2016. The decision on this call will be taken during the following week.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

3 of the grants are for students and 1 are for post-doc researchers. In case there are not enough candidates in one category, the remaining grants in that category will be transferred to the other. The selection of candidates within each category is done based on the following criteria, ranked by importance:

1. Candidates that have not benefited from AIL grants to attend meetings or courses, up to 5 years before this call opens, will be favored (thesis or communication awards will not be considered).
2. Candidates that are unemployed at the time of the application will be favored (a document certifying this condition needs to be submitted together with the application).
3. Candidates that have to travel for longer distances will be favored. Four distance categories have been established: <100km, 101-500km, 501-1000km and >1000km.

Information that allows evaluation of criteria 1 – 3 will be asked in the application form.
OBLIGATIONS OF THE SELECTED CANDIDATES

The selected candidates must:

Before the course:
- Register himself in the course through the course registration procedures.
- Inform the AIL secretary if financial support from other sources is received to cover the registration in the course, in which case the grant will be transferred to the next candidate in the waiting list that fulfils all the criteria. However, the AIL grant is compatible with other grants from other sources that do not include the registration but be devoted to cover expenses related with the attendance of the course other than the registration.
- Inform the AIL secretary in case of impossibility to attend the course so that the grant will be transferred to the next candidate in the waiting list that fulfils all the criteria.
- Send the application form together with the CV to the AIL secretary. The selected candidates will be asked for the invoice of the inscription in name of AIL so that the grant can be paid (see last point). In case this document is not sent, the grant will be transferred to the next candidate in the waiting list that fulfils all the criteria.

After the course:
- Send the participation and certificate to the AIL secretary (secretaria@limnologia.net) and treasurer (juan.soria@uv.es)) no later than 7 days after the end of the course. Otherwise, the totality of the grant needs to be returned to the AIL, that will transfer it to the next candidate that did not get the grant but that fulfils all the criteria and attended the course.

OBLIGATIONS OF AIL

- Clearly specify the deadline (day and hour) for the submission of applications in the edict.
- Constitute the evaluation commission just after the end of the call.
- Clarify any doubts that arise from the application of this edict.

RESOLUTION AND PAYMENT OF THE GRANTS

- The evaluation commission will be formed by the AIL secretary, the AIL treasury and the two vocals representative of the Young AIL group in the Direction board, except in case there is conflict of interests. In this situation, the affected person will be replaced by another to be designated by the Direction board.
- The decision of the selection board will be final and without possibility of argument.
- The evaluation commission will send a list of pre-selected candidates to the AIL members.
- In case some of the selected candidates receive other grants for the registration in the course, the AIL grants will be transferred to the next candidate in the waiting list that fulfils all the criteria and the final list of selected candidates will be published.
- AIL will directly pay the registration of the awardees to the organizing institution (UCLM) upon confirmation of the awardee’s commitment to attend the course and certificate of registration.