

## **RESOLUTION**

PRE/367/2006, of 6 February, making public the agreement reached between the Management Board of the Ramon Margalef Prize in Ecology and Environmental Sciences on 30 November 2005 by which the call for the second award of the Prize is opened and the rules for participation established.

Whereas Decree 464/2004 of 28 December created the Ramon Margalef Prize in Ecology and Environmental Sciences,

Whereas the agreement of the Prize Management Board, adopted in session on 30 November 2005, resolved to open the call for the second award of the Prize and established the rules for participation,

Whereas Article 9.1 of Decree 464/2004 of 28 December provided that the call for the Prize must be published in the Official Bulletin of the Generalitat of Catalonia (DOGC),

### **I resolve:**

To make public the Agreement of the Management Board of the Ramon Margalef Prize in Ecology and Environmental Sciences of 30 November 2005 by which the call is opened for the second award of the Prize and the rules for participation established.

Barcelona, 6 February 2006

Ramon Garcia-Bragado i Acin  
Secretary General of the Presidential Department

## **AGREEMENT**

of 30 November 2005 of the Management Board of the Ramon Margalef Prize in Ecology and Environmental Sciences by which the call is opened for the second award of the Prize and the rules for participation established.

In accordance with Decree 464/2004 of 28 December by which the Ramon Margalef Prize in Ecology and Environmental Sciences was created and in exercise of the functions provided in Article 6.1 of the aforementioned Decree, the Management Board agrees:

To open the call for the second award of the Ramon Margalef Prize in Ecology and Environmental Sciences and establish the rules for participation therein, which appear in the Appendix.

## APPENDIX

### **RULES FOR PARTICIPATION in the Ramon Margalef Prize in Ecology and Environmental Sciences 2006 Call**

During the second half of the 20th century, ecology evolved as a distinct science. In the last quarter of the century, the leading principles and concepts of this science led to the development of many technical and scientific skills relevant to the management of natural resources and land use, and at the same time have contributed to revealing new approaches to socio-economic knowledge. This relative historical proximity explains why awards in environmental sciences and especially in ecology continue to be scarce.

One of the leading scholars and thinkers in the ecological sciences was Professor Ramon Margalef i Lopez (Barcelona, 1919-2004), a figure who made an intellectual contribution of the highest order. In an extremely unfavourable socio-economic context, in post-war Spain and under the Franco regime, Margalef was able to place ecological research and thinking in Catalonia at the highest international level and thus create a true school of thought. In fact, the personality of Ramon Margalef contributed decisively to the development of modern ecological science to the point of his being considered one of the most respected figures in the scientific world, to a large extent thanks to having been able to interpret natural systems in terms of information theory. With this in mind, the Ramon Margalef Prize in Ecology and Environmental Sciences was instituted to honour the memory of a modest genius who, to the end of his days, was at the cutting edge of science.

#### **1. Aim**

The main aim of the Prize is to recognise an exceptional scientific career or a discovery in the field of ecology or other environmental science that has contributed to significant progress in scientific knowledge and thought or to the development of theoretical approaches for the sound management of natural resources, or use of the land and sea.

#### **2. Candidatures**

The Prize may be awarded to living individuals (the Prize is not awarded posthumously), or to legal entities or groups from anywhere in the world that, through their scientific career and teaching, their thinking, creativity, innovation and discoveries have contributed to the significant development of ecology or other environmental science, as well as to conceptual advancement and its application aimed at the sustainable management of natural resources, or use of the land and sea.

### 3. Presentation of candidatures

The candidatures must be presented by competent qualified representatives of universities, other schools, research centres, academies of science or their scientific subsidiaries, or by persons who have been awarded the Prize in previous years or by persons who have been members of the Jury of the Prize.

The candidatures, which must include a reasoned justification and a curriculum vitae, must be presented before 30 May 2006 and should be sent to the Technical Secretariat of the Ramon Margalef Prize, Presidential Department of the Generalitat de Catalunya. Its content may be sent beforehand by e-mail to the Prize Secretariat at [prm@gencat.net](mailto:prm@gencat.net) or by means of the form to be found on the Prize Web site [www.gencat.net/premiramonmargalef](http://www.gencat.net/premiramonmargalef)

### 4. Prize

The Prize is worth one hundred thousand euros (EUR 100,000).

### 5. Frequency

Annual.

### 6. Prize Jury and award

The Prize Jury for the 2006 call comprises the following persons:

- i) Chairperson:
  - **Professor Josefina Castellví**, Oceanographer and marine biologist, Institute of Marine Sciences, Barcelona, Research Professor of the Higher Council of Scientific Research (CSIC), former Director of the Spanish Scientific Mission in the Antarctic.
- ii) Members:
  - **Professor Francisco García Novo**, Professor of Ecology, Department of Plant Biology and Ecology, University of Seville, Spain.
  - **Professor Robert Barbault**, Director of the Department of Ecology and Management of Biodiversity, National Museum of Natural History of Paris, France. Director of the Federated Institute of Basic and Applied Ecology, Pierre & Marie Curie University, Paris, France.
  - **Emeritus Professor Anmari Jansson**, Department of Systems Ecology, Land Use and Landscape, Stockholm University, Sweden.
  - **Professor Frank Golley**, Institute of Ecology, associated with the School of Environmental Design and the Environmental Ethics

Programme of the College of Environmental Sciences and Design,  
University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA.

- ***Professor Paul del Giorgio***, Department of Biological Sciences,  
University of Quebec at Montréal (UQAM). Member of the  
Interuniversity Research Group in Limnology (GRIL).
- ***Professor Peter Bridgewater***, Secretary General of the RAMSAR  
Convention on Wetlands and Migratory Birds, Australia.

The Jury, assisted with voice but not vote by the Technical Secretary of the Prize, will choose the winning candidature by majority vote. The Jury's decision is final.

## **7. Proclamation and presentation of the Prize**

The Management Board will announce the winner of the Prize.

Presentation of the Prize will take place in Barcelona.

## **8. Management and administrative bodies**

The Prize management and administrative bodies and their details together with the Jury member designation process are described in Decree 464/2004 of 28 December (DOGC N° 4291 of 30.12.04). This documentation may be consulted on the Prize Web site [www.gencat.net/premiramonmargalef](http://www.gencat.net/premiramonmargalef).