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Bureau for Exchange and Distribution of Information on MiniLivestock
Bureau pour l'Échange et la Distribution de l'Information sur le Mini-Élevage

PRIZE NON-CONVENTIONAL BREEDING AND MINILIVESTOCK

Prize Bedim André Buldgen

REGULATIONS

The Bureau for Exchange and Distribution of Information on MiniLivestock (BEDIM) organizes a Prize in order to reward the efforts of researchers and field actors to promote non-conventional animal breeding and mini-livestock in developing countries such as defined in the report of the United Nations on Human development. The Prize is entitled "Prize Bedim André Buldgen", further called "Bedim Prize".

1) Organiser

The Bureau for Exchange and Distribution of Information on MiniLivestock (BEDIM) is a non-profit-making international association which focuses on the collection, the treatment and the distribution of information related to the animal species belonging to the field of mini-livestock and related to the use of their products.

2) Objective of the Prize

The Prize crowns scientific work which contributes to the knowledge of mini-livestock or the breeding of non-conventional species in the developing countries. It concerns dissertations, theses or scientific articles. If the latter are not published yet, they must already be accepted and a certificate of the scientific journal must be obtained. It also crowns documents of projects showing an effective action in the field in the above mentioned domain.

Mini-livestock and non-conventional breeding are defined as the breeding of all animals, in general small sized, with the exception of the species quoted hereafter, and that are likely to provide incomes or food to mankind or feed to other livestock. Species that are not included in mini-livestock and non-conventional breeding are: cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, rabbits, chickens, ducks, geese, quails, guinea fowls, turkeys, peacocks and pigeons. Included are various edible rodents (Greater Cane Rat, Giant Rat ...), Guinea-pig, various snails, frogs, insects and worms. By breeding, one understands a controlled and sustainable production, likely to replace the methods of cropping or poaching practiced to exploit some of the concerned species

3) Beneficiaries

The Prize is open to the researchers and field actors (physical or moral persons) from the North or the South without distinction.

4) Language

Are eligible, works published in French, English, Spanish, Dutch or in Portuguese.

5) Prize amount

The Bedim Prize grants a sum of **1000** Euros which can be used for the continuation of the research activities of the nominee or for the development of his/her career.

There will be only one Prize granted per academic year.

6) Submission

Any candidates' file must include the following documents:

- The work (dissertation, thesis, project report, publication).
- In case of a dissertation, a thesis or a project document, a summary of maximum 2 A4 pages, written in English or French.
- A curriculum vitae of maximum 2 A4 pages, including, in addition to the classical elements, precise details on the activities in non-conventional breeding and mini-livestock.
- a report of maximum 2 A4 pages written by the candidate in English or French, in which the **relevance of the work** for non-conventional breeding or mini-livestock is shown, 1° from the point of view of development of the area or, for candidates from the North, from the point of view of development of the area where their work was carried out) and/or 2° in relation to the field of study (technological developments,...)

7) deadline

Candidates' files should **reach** the following address at the latest by **30 June of the current year**: 1° by e-mail (bedim@bedim.org) or by mail to Bedim c/o Animal Science Unit, Gembloux Agro-Bio-Tech, Passage des Déportés, 2, 5030, Gembloux, Belgium.

8) Evaluation of the works

Examination of the works is carried out by a selection committee composed by the chairman of BEDIM and experts in non-conventional breeding or mini-livestock who are designated by the Board of directors of Bedim (for the composition of this board see web site www.bedim.org).

Each work will be evaluated on the basis of its originality, of the promotional character of minil-ivestock and/or non-conventional breeding, the improvement of knowledge in that domain; and the benefit for the local populations. Each appointed expert will allot a note on twenty. The average of the notes will constitute the final note.

The attribution of the Prize is decided by the Board of directors of BEDIM on the basis of the opinion of the selection committee. Resolutions of the Board of Directors are sovereign and without recourse.

The Board of directors of BEDIM reserves the right not to allot a Prize if none submitted work reaches the standard of expected technical and scientific quality.

9) Awarding of the prize

As far as possible, the Prize will be given in hand to the laureate at an official Bedim prize-giving ceremony or at the moment of another event organized by an institution concerned with livestock production in developing countries. The laureate will be offered the opportunity to present his/her work.

If the laureate is not able to finance his/her transport and his/her lodging with or without sponsoring, BEDIM will help, as far as possible, to find this financing.

If the prize winner cannot go to the handing-over of the Prize, the money will be put on his/her account. The bank charges will be paid by the Prize winner and taken from the Prize amount.

10) Publicity

The Prize is announced on the website of BEDIM (<http://www.bedim.org>), and on other sites of institutions or platforms concerned with livestock production in developing countries.

All applicants will be notified of the results of the evaluation before the end of December of the year of submission

The laureate will be presented on these same sites.