

Ebbe Nielsen Prize 2009

Description, Qualifications and Nomination Procedures

1. This annual Prize was established by the GBIF Governing Board to honor the memory of Ebbe Schmidt Nielsen, who was an inspirational leader in the fields of biosystematics and biodiversity informatics.
2. The Prize consists of €30,000, and is intended to allow the recipient(s), who may reside in any country, to engage in biosystematics/biodiversity informatics research outside his/her/their country of residence for a period of 3-6 months. However, the use of the funds will be at the discretion of the recipient(s).
3. The Prize is primarily intended to be awarded to a promising researcher in the early stage of his/her career who is combining biosystematics and biodiversity informatics research in an exciting and novel way. This does not preclude researchers at later stages in their career from being nominated where they are able to demonstrate new and novel research in biosystematics/biodiversity informatics.
4. It is recognized that often work may be carried out by a small team where no single individual wishes to be honored ahead of other team members. Hence the Prize may be awarded to a small team who together have made a significant achievement in biosystematics/biodiversity informatics.
5. Nomination(s) are to be submitted by the Head of Delegation of any GBIF Voting or Associate Participant. Individuals or institutions wishing to be nominated or to make a nomination should contact the Head of Delegation of a relevant Participant.
6. The nominating package* will consist of the following documents (written in English) in electronic form:
 - o a cover letter from the Head of Delegation of the nominating GBIF Participant that describes the novel and exciting nature of the results of the nominee's research;
 - o a curriculum vitae for the nominee(s);
 - o evidence of the nominee(s)' relevant research, such as reprints, URLs of websites, or other supporting materials;
 - o up to three (3) supporting letters from experts in the fields of biosystematics, bioinformatics and/or biodiversity informatics;
 - o a statement from the nominee(s) that describes how the Prize will be used.
7. Nominating packages are due at the GBIF Secretariat no later than 31 March 2009. Send nomination packages to ENPrize@gbif.org
8. The winner of the Prize will be selected by the GBIF Governing Board Science Committee. The Prize will be awarded at the GBIF Governing Board meeting that is held in the third quarter of each calendar year. The recipient(s) will be invited to present a lecture to the Governing Board on their research, with an emphasis on placing the research in its broader societal perspective. The public shall be invited to attend these lectures.

* Nominations that are unsuccessful in one year may be updated and resubmitted for consideration in subsequent years.