



Ebbe Nielsen Prize 2012

Call for nominations

The Ebbe Nielsen Prize will be awarded for the eleventh time in 2012 to a person or small team that is demonstrating excellence in combining biodiversity informatics and biosystematics research. The Science Committee of the GBIF Governing Board seeks nominations for the Prize, which are due by 15 March 2012.

Description, Qualifications and Nomination Procedures

1. This annual Prize was established by the GBIF Governing Board to honour 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. Researchers at later stages in their career may also be nominated if they are able to demonstrate new and novel research in biosystematics/biodiversity informatics.
4. A small team that, together, have made a significant achievement in biosystematics/biodiversity informatics may also be nominated, particularly if no single team member wishes to be honoured above other team members.
5. Individuals or institutions wishing to be nominated or wishing to make a nomination should contact the Head of Delegation of a relevant GBIF Participant (See:

<http://www.gbif.org/communications/directory-of-contacts/governing-board-of-gbif/>).

The Head of Delegation will decide on who is to be nominated.

6. Nomination(s) are to be submitted by the Head of Delegation of any GBIF Voting or Associate Participant.
7. 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) - and no more - 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.
8. Nomination packages must be at the GBIF Secretariat **no later than 15 March 2012**.
9. Send nomination packages to ENPrize@gbif.org
10. 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 held from 18-20 September 2012 in Norway.
11. The recipient(s) will be invited to present a lecture at the GBIF Science Symposium during the annual Governing Board meeting on their research, with an emphasis on placing the research in its broader societal perspective. The public shall be invited to attend the lecture.

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