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# ANNUAL VLIZ NORTH SEA AWARD 2009

*to reward a recent innovative  
scientific contribution on the  
structure and functioning of the  
North Sea ecosystem*

*The Annual VLIZ North Sea Award is organized to recognize and reward outstanding scientific contributions enhancing the insight into the structure and functioning of the North Sea ecosystem with special attention to coastal and estuarine areas of the Southern Bight and the Channel.*

## Regulations

- Art. 1. On the initiative of Bart Schiltz, President of the Belgian Fish Producers Organization, the Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) will award a scientific prize to foster innovative fundamental or applied research on the structure and functioning of the North Sea ecosystem, with emphasis on coastal and estuarine areas of the Southern Bight and the Channel.
- Art. 2. The prize will be awarded to a researcher (or a research team) working and residing in a country bordering the North Sea.
- Art. 3. The prize amounts to 1000 EUR and is indivisible. It will be granted to reward a recent original scientific contribution, preferably having relevance to the sustainable management of the area concerned. Studies pertaining to the biodiversity of the local ecosystem are equally welcomed. The contribution has to be of postgraduate or postdoctoral level.
- Art. 4. A jury installed by the Board of Directors of VLIZ, upon the proposal of the Scientific Committee, will evaluate the contributions submitted. It advises the Board who grants the award.  
If none of the submitted studies are deemed to be acceptable, the Board can decide not to attribute the award and to add the prize money to the 2010 edition of the VLIZ North Sea Award.
- Art. 5. Candidates must not have received any prior award for the contribution submitted
- Art. 6. To be taken into consideration, the candidates should provide the following documents to VLIZ prior to 10 October 2009:
- three copies of the contribution written in Dutch, French or English;
  - a summary in English of 5 pages maximum (also in electronic form);

- the duly filled out participation form (to be requested at the VLIZ secretariat and available on the VLIZ website);
- the curriculum vitae of the author or the senior author of the contribution.

- Art. 7. The award will be granted prior to the end of November 2009 and will be officially presented at the occasion of the 'VLIZ 10 year celebration' (Thermae Palace Hotel, Oostende, Friday, 27 November 2009). All candidates will be notified of the jury's decision prior to 15 November 2009.
- Art. 8. The laureate agrees to write a popularized article based upon the rewarded contribution and grants permission to VLIZ to publish it, provided credit is given to the author(s). VLIZ may invite the laureate to present the prize-winning contribution at one of its scientific meetings.
- Art. 9. VLIZ is entitled to deposit all the submitted contributions in its marine scientific library.
- Art.10. Any problems or disputes that possibly may arise with regard to participating in and granting of the VLIZ North Sea Award, will be settled by the Board of Directors of VLIZ. The candidates have no recourse against its decision and are not entitled to any remuneration.  
All participants agree upon these regulations.

Candidacies and accompanying documents (cf. Art. 6) should be addressed to:

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