

REINHARD RIEGER-AWARD IN ZOOMORPHOLOGY

Regulations

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The Reinhard Rieger-Award is given in memory of the zoologist Reinhard Rieger (1943 - 2006) and his scientific work in the field of zoomorphology of mainly invertebrate animals.

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The Reinhard Rieger-Award was initiated by Prof. Dr. Wilfried Westheide in 2008. Its purpose is to recognize an outstanding research article from the entire spectrum of functional and evolutionary morphology in the animal kingdom published or in press in the "Journal of Morphology" or in "Zoomorphology".

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Preference will be given to studies that are convincing in their potential to elucidate changes in morphologies and functions in the broader ecomorphological and evolutionary framework. Combination of methods and concise discussion of the theoretical implications are important criteria for the evaluation. The dedication of the award makes no prescriptions about age of the awardee(s) or its/their status of seniority.

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The Reinhard Rieger-Award consists of a certificate and a grant of \$ 3000 for personal use for the winning author(s). The two publishers, John Wiley & Sons and Springer, and the Institute of Zoology at Innsbruck University are sponsors of the award.

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The prize will be awarded annually.

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Selection is organized by a committee consisting of the chief editors of the "Journal of Morphology" and "Zoomorphology" and of one representative of the Zoological Institute of Innsbruck University.

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Selection process. To initiate the selection process, the chief editors of the "Journal of Morphology" and "Zoomorphology" each nominate - with the agreement of the corresponding authors - up to three manuscripts published or accepted in their corresponding journals over the time period of one year (July to June). An international reviewing panel will then evaluate and rank these manuscripts. The reviewing panel consists of Prof. Dr. Wilfried Westheide and at least four additional international experts from the field of Zoomorphology. The members of the reviewing panel will be nominated by the selection committee. The selection committee will decide based on majority votes of the reviewers.

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Corresponding authors of the price-winning article will be informed by the selection committee immediately after the decision has been made.

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In addition, the award should be presented at an international conference for Morphology within six months after selection of the prize-winning article, if such a conference takes place.

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Changes of or additions to this constitution can only be made in agreement between the chief editors of the "Journal of Morphology" and "Zoomorphology" and the Zoological Institute of Innsbruck University.