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# ANNUAL VLIZ NORTH SEA AWARD 2014

*to reward outstanding  
scientific contributions  
enhancing the insight into the  
structure and functioning  
of the seas and oceans  
worldwide*

*Deadline: 30 November 2014*

*The Annual VLIZ North Sea Award is organised to recognize and reward outstanding scientific contributions enhancing the insight into the structure and functioning of the seas and oceans worldwide.*

## Regulations

- Art. 1. The Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) awards a scientific prize to foster innovative fundamental or applied research on the structure and functioning of the seas and oceans worldwide.
- Art. 2. The prize will be awarded to a researcher (or a research team) affiliated to a Belgian organisation.
- Art. 3. The prize amounts to 1000 EUR and is indivisible. It will be granted to reward a recent original scientific contribution. Studies pertaining to the biodiversity of the local ecosystem are equally welcomed. The contribution has to be of postgraduate or postdoctoral level, referring to max. three years of postdoctoral research.
- 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 2015 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 30 November 2014:
- three copies of the contribution written in Dutch, French or English (+PDF);
  - a summary in English of 5 pages maximum (also in electronic form – Word);
  - the duly filled in 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 early January 2015. All candidates will be notified of the jury's decision prior to the end of March 2015.
- 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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## PARTICIPATION FORM

### FLANDERS MARINE INSTITUTE: Annual VLIZ North Sea Award 2014

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