

Statutes of the Annual Biosemiotic Achievement Award

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To promote biosemiotic research, its scientific impact and future prospects, the International Society for Biosemiotic Studies (ISBS) and the journal *Biosemiotics* (Springer) have established an annual award for the best paper published in the journal *Biosemiotics*, with emphasis on novelty. For this cause, the following practical regulations will be implemented:

Criteria

Articles suitable for the annual Biosemiotic Achievement Award will be judged on

- 1) novelty in terms of theoretical or empirical discovery (i.e., enhanced description and explanation of existing and/or discovery of new empirical phenomena),
- 2) relevance of new findings to the concepts or models of biosemiotics, and
- 3) rigour of investigation.

Timetable

The best article published in the previous year will be selected by mid-February of every given year by the selection panel. In its announcement of the winner the selection panel will offer a short account of its deliberations in making the choice of award winner.

Composition of the selection panel

The selection panel will consist of three persons, one of whom is appointed by the Editors-in-Chief of *Biosemiotics* after consulting the editorial board, one who is appointed by the board of the ISBS and one appointed by Springer's Associate Editor for Ecology and Conservation. In each year, a new member will be appointed to replace the member of the selection committee who has served the longest (in the initial selection panel the members will decide the replacement order either by agreement or by coin toss).

The award

The award winner will be announced in the journal *Biosemiotics*, on the ISBS webpage and in the ISBS annual general meeting. The winner will also be awarded a book voucher from Springer worth EUR 250, and an electronic subscription to *Biosemiotics* for one year.

These statutes are endorsed by the annual meeting of the ISBS July 3rd 2014 with the involvement of other relevant parties and can be changed, upon consultation with the other parties, at subsequent annual meetings of the ISBS.