



EUROPEAN ALGAE
BIOMASS ASSOCIATION

Call for Successful Stories Awards

1. Background

The European Algae Biomass Association (EABA) represents the algae-related field in Europe, aiming for the sustainable development of this sector and the enlargement of its contribution to the EU Economy. As part of its activities, the EABA aims to recognize major contributions in the field, both from the academic and industrial sectors, that promote the development of algae-based products and processes, the environmental sustainability and social acceptance of these products/processes and the improvement of regulations related to algae in Europe.

In this context, the EABA is organizing an award and series of promotions celebrating the latest achievements and successes of members. These prizes are to be awarded annually, the announcements of winners being performed during the AlgaEurope Conference organized by EABA.

2. Objectives

The EABA will award on an annual basis a recognition prize to acknowledge members whose most recent innovations, best practices and achievements have created value and contributed to the algae sector's growth and recognition. The members must be able to show their effective success story and its impact. This call aims to disseminate the algae industry role models and inspire others (young algaeneers, algae-preneurs) to pursue their innovative ideas and build their own success stories.

The objectives of the prizes are to help newcomers on the field and acknowledge exceptional work. The success stories aim to serve as a resource for potential entrepreneurs and newcomers. These stories provide insights into what has been achieved, the level of success attained, the basic methodologies employed, and links to further information. The goal is to ensure newcomers find confirmation and risk reduction through shared information. About acknowledging exceptional work the awards aim to recognize outstanding work from the last five years through:

- Recognize and celebrate outstanding achievements within the field.
- To serve as an inspiration to other members of the association.
- To show best practices and lessons learned that can be valuable to the entire community.
- To foster a sense of community among the association's members.
- To attract new talent to the association.
- To enhance the reputation of the association within the industry and stakeholders.
- To establish benchmarks for what constitutes high-quality work within the association.
- To promote innovation and the development of new ideas, technologies, or methods.

3. Prize

To push the development of the algae sector in Europe each year the EABA will give:

- a) One R&D Project Prize;
- b) One Industrial Development Prize;
- c) One Young Student of the Year prize (less than 30 years old);

Each year a prize consisting of i) a merit plaque, ii) free attendance to webinars and iii) free attendance to the AlgaEurope Conference in the next year, will be awarded to a member of EABA who has achieved internationally significant results in the field of algae biotechnology in the last five years. The awards will be made according to the rules defined in the procedure of concession.

4. Promotion

In addition to being considered for the prize, each entry will also be considered for addition to EABA promotion, for example on the EABA website or LinkedIn feed. Such promotion will be subject to the entrant's permission and review. The winners will be announced on the EABA website and EABA-related social networks.

5. Timetable and deadlines

Candidatures must be submitted by email following the proposed form to the Secretariat of the EABA (christie.devrij@eaba-association.org).

Call opening: October 15th 2024

Deadline for submission: November 15th 2024

Evaluation: December 1st 2024

Awards will be given during the AlgaEurope Conference organized by EABA

6. Admissibility & Eligibility

Only members of EABA accomplishing their obligations regarding payments and other requirements can submit candidatures for these prizes. Both academia and industrial partners can present candidatures, including individuals. Candidates must be supported by two reference letters. Reference letters can be provided by entities out of EABA. Students applying for the student award must be part of an institution that guarantees that they are enrolled in the institution.

7. Evaluation, procedures and criteria

Rules for the evaluation and awarding of prizes are included in the EABA Prizes regulations and will be published after the evaluation of the proposals and selection of winners.

Submission Form

(Maximum three pages)

1. Applicant

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Contact person: _____

Job title: _____

Mail: _____

Telephone: _____

2. Categories

R&D Project		Industrial deployment		Young Student of the Year ¹	
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¹ Less than 30 years old

3. Abstract

(Describe your story in 300 words)

4. Innovation

(Example: Has the candidate developed a breakthrough product, technology or method that sets it apart from others?)

5. Market Impact

(Example: How does the innovation impact the market? Has the candidate contributed to the expansion of the algae field markets, in volume, in value or in profitability)

6. Environmental Impact

(Example: Has the candidate demonstrated a commitment to environmental responsibility? Has it contributed to the implementation of sustainable practices?)

7. Social Impact

(Example: Has the candidate contributed to created jobs and/or qualification/training opportunities?)
