



EUROPEAN ALGAE
BIOMASS ASSOCIATION

SUCCESSFUL STORIES AWARDS

REGULATIONS

Article 1

General aspects

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 the major contributions on the field, both from the academy 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.

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 researchers, 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 in the last five years through:

- Recognition and Encouragement: Awards recognize and celebrate outstanding achievements within the field. This recognition motivates individuals and organizations to strive for excellence, fostering a culture of continuous improvement.

- Inspiration: Exceptional work awards can serve as an inspiration to other members of the association. When people see their peers achieving remarkable results, it encourages them to aim higher and innovate.

- Knowledge Sharing: Award-winning projects show best practices and lessons learned that can be valuable to the entire community. By highlighting these achievements, the association promotes the sharing of knowledge and expertise.

- Community Building: Awards will foster a sense of community among the association's members. It brings professionals together to celebrate their collective achievements and build stronger networks.

- Attracting Talent: The existence of awards can attract new talent to the association. Individuals looking to excel in their field may be drawn to an organization that values and rewards exceptional work.

- External Recognition: Awards can enhance the reputation of the association within the industry and among external stakeholders. It demonstrates the association's commitment to excellence and its contribution to the profession or field.

- Benchmarking: Exceptional work awards establish benchmarks for what constitutes high-quality work within

the association. This can help set industry standards and best practices.

- Promoting Innovation: The pursuit of awards drives innovation. Members may be more inclined to experiment and develop new ideas, technologies, or methods in their quest for recognition.

Article 2

The Awards

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);*

For more specific information about each Award and how to apply, see the *Annexes* to these Regulations.

Article 3

The Prize bodies

The following Committees are involved in granting the awards:

- the Organizing Committee, which is in charge of the Awards' supervision;
- the Assessing Committee, which has the task of collecting and assessing the applicants' submissions and selecting the winners;

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The Organizing Committee

The awards are managed by the Organizing Committee. The Committee appoints a Secretary for the Award who takes part in the meetings of the Committee and takes the minutes. The Organizing Committee is responsible for the following activities:

- defining the guidelines for the Assessing Committee;
- approving the Regulations and any changes to them;
- choosing the Members of the Assessing Committee;
- providing an Official Announcement of the Awards;
- announcing the Winners of the various Prizes, as chosen by the respective Committees.

This committee is composed of one member of the Scientific Committee and one member of the Industrial Committee of EABA, all of them elected from their respective committees by votation. The work of the *Organizing Committee* is coordinated by the President of EABA who also guarantees the necessary liaison with the activities of the *Organizing Committee*.

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The Assessing Committee

The Assessing Committee is composed of ten members, up to five of them from the Scientific Committee and up to five members from the Industrial Committee of EABA, all of them elected from their respective committees by votation.

The Assessing Committee is coordinated by the General Manager of EABA as Non-voting Chairman.

The Chairman of the Assessing Committee manages the assessment process for the Prizes. The Chairman is not allowed to vote for the selection of the EABA Award winners. He will be responsible for announcing the winners on the “EABA Members Day”.

The Assessing Committee shall examine each application for the Prizes according to the Regulations and Official Announcement requirements and it shall write a report for the Organizing Committee on each Prize, stating that all the proposals submitted have been duly examined and putting forward the names of the Candidates for the Prizes and the reasons for their choice. Criteria for the evaluation of the proposals are included in Annex.

Article 6

Conflict of Interest for committee members

To avoid any situation of Conflict of Interest of the Organizing Committee and Assessing Committee, a clear written engagement, of any participating member shall be signed as they enter one of the two committees. Conflict of Interest can be linked to personal relationships, collaborative research, business activities or financial support.

If a candidate falls into the above situations towards one of the committee members, the latter will express it clearly to the other committee members and will be excluded from the decisions related to this candidate.

Article 7

Validity of the Committee resolutions

The majority of the Members of the Organizing Committee and Assessing Committee have to be present for their meetings to be considered valid.

Should any Member of any of these Committees be unable to attend the meetings either in person or via teleconference, they may delegate other Members of the Committee to represent them. No Member of a Committee can represent more than one absent Member.

The deliberations of the Assessing Committee for the selection of the EABA Award winners are made using voting rules established by the Assessing Committee itself and based on *Robert's Rules of Order*.

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Terms of Application

Applications for the Prizes must be submitted according to the Official Announcement requirements which are published in English on the website of EABA.

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Prize-Giving Ceremony

An Official Prize-Giving Ceremony will be held during the AlgaEurope Conference immediately following the year following the publication of the Official Announcement.

The prizes awarded by each official competition announcement are non-replaceable and non-redeemable in case of winners' request.

Article 10

Un-awarded Prizes

In the absence of Candidates deserving of the Prizes, the un-awarded Prizes may be assigned to research projects, companies or young students, that focus on a topic chosen by the Organizing Committee.

Article 11

Regulation changes or amendments

The Organizing Committee may make any changes or additions to the EABA Award Regulations in case of necessary.

Article 12

Publication of Results

The Organizing Committee may, independently or in cooperation with other groups or individuals, undertake initiatives to promote the publication, divulgation, and communication of the awarded entities.

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Annex

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 members of EABA who have achieved internationally significant results in the field of algae biotechnology.

The following elements will be considered in the assessment of the proposal:

- the relevance and the innovation of the proposal;
- the contribution to identifying solutions for promoting the algae sector;
- the socio-economic and environmental potential of the proposal, even from a long-term perspective;
- the use of breakthrough, experimental and innovative technologies, processes and tools, enabling a holistic perspective of the innovation proposal.

The results must have been achieved within a period of up to five years before the date of the annual Official Announcement, published by July of each year, where the regulations for participation are to be found.

Specific criteria to be considered for the evaluation of the proposal will include:

- Innovation
- Market Impact
- Environmental impact
- Social impact

Application procedure

Candidates for the Prize shall compulsorily enclose scientific publications or documentary evidence containing the research proofs and results.

Self-candidature is admitted. Double candidatures are also admitted, meaning that a maximum of two main authors may participate together. One candidate can apply for up to two proposals.

Furthermore, it is required and mandatory for each candidate to submit two reference letters to complete the application. They have to be compulsorily written in English and refer explicitly to the EABA Award edition; these documents should be signed by authoritative Members of the academic, scientific or business community. Please note that will be considered only those letters that will certify the scientific value, the innovation level and the potential applicability of the submitted research. Such documents have to be sent by email, directly to the Assessing Committee, within the deadline established by the above-mentioned Announcement. In case of resubmission, endorsements obtained for previous editions may be resubmitted, provided that the letters of reference have been issued within the past three years.