



ALAI European Authors' Right Award – supported by GESAC

Guidelines

[ALAI](#), a worldwide network of academics and experts in intellectual property wants to give young researchers the opportunity to showcase their views on EU authors' right/copyright and collective management of this right by entering an essay competition. The award is supported by [GESAC](#), a European grouping of authors' rights/copyright management societies.

Prize

€3,000 in cash prizes will be awarded with €2,000 for the winner and €1,000 for the runner-up.

Both winners will receive:

- € 500 lump sum to cover travel and lodging for the awards ceremony which will take place in Brussels;
- 1-year- subscription to the International Authors' Right Magazine "RIDA";
- participation in the 2019 International ALAI Congress in Prague (no travel or lodging costs included);
- 1-year participation fee for membership to the winner's national ALAI Group;
- translation of the article into French or English;
- possible publication of the winning article, e.g. on the ALAI website.

Subject

- The essay must
 - i. be related to authors' right/copyright
 - ii. have a European dimension (this may include the comparison of third country systems with that of the EU)
 - iii. include aspects that could be of interest to the collective management of authors' right/copyright
- The applicants will be free to choose the specific issue, on which they submit their applications, within this framework.

Format

Eligible students wishing to take part in the competition must provide:

- an abstract of the essay that they wish to submit (one-page summary maximum);
- [the application form](#) filled out and signed;
- an essay of maximum 30,000 characters, or about 15 pages, based on a Master's thesis or an ongoing research project within a university;
- Entries can be submitted in English or French.

Eligibility

- Research Master's students (minimum 4th year tertiary student or Masters, LL.M., or pre-doctoral level) from any university around the world.
- Candidates should be under 35 years old on 15 November 2018.
- Candidates should have been recommended to submit an application by at least one professor.
- The work the competition entry is based on should either be in progress or presented in 2017 or presented after 2017.

Selection procedure

- An Editorial Committee composed of two representatives of ALAI, two representatives of GESAC, and chaired by the President of ALAI will select the winning entries.
- The Editorial Committee will make an initial selection based on the abstracts submitted by the candidates.
- The results of this selection will be communicated to the candidates.
- The selected candidates will submit their essays and the Editorial Committee will select the two winners.
- The Editorial Committee reserves the right not to proclaim any winner (or proclaim only one) should the quality of the essays be considered insufficient.

Deadline

- Deadline for submission of the abstracts: 15 November 2018.
- Deadline for submission of the essays: 15 February 2019.

Contact

Questions, abstracts and essays can be sent to:

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