



## 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 will be
  - i. related to authors' right/copyright
  - ii. with a European dimension (this may include the comparison of third country systems with that of the EU)
  - iii. including aspects related 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);
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> year tertiary student or Masters, LLM, or pre-doctoral level) from any university around the world.
- Candidates should be under 35 years old on 15 October 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 later.

## **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 October 2018
- Deadline for submission of the essays: 15 January 2019

## **Contact**

Questions, abstracts and essays can be sent to:

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