



## **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: €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 award ceremony;
- 1 year subscription to the International Authors' Right Magazine "RIDA";
- participation in the 2021 ceremony, date and place TBC (travel and accommodation not provided)
- 1 year participation fee for membership to the winner's national ALAI Group;
- translation of the essay into French or English;
- possible publication of the winning essay, e.g. on the ALAI website.

### **Subject**

The essay must:

- be related to authors' right/copyright;
- have a European dimension (this may include the comparison of third country systems with that of the EU);
- include aspects that could be of interest to the collective management of authors' right/copyright.

The applicants are free to choose the specific issue on which they submit their applications, within this framework.

## Eligibility

- Research master's students (minimum 4th year tertiary student or masters, LLM, or predoctoral level) from any university around the world.
- Candidates should be under 35 years old on 23 November 2020.
- Candidates need a recommendation from at least one professor.
- The work the competition entry is based on should either be in progress or presented in 2019 or presented after 2019.

## Format

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

- the [application form](#), filled out and signed;
- an abstract of the essay that they wish to submit (one-page summary maximum); and
- if their abstract is selected, an essay of maximum 30,000 characters, or about 15 pages (excluding bibliography and annexes, if any), based on a master's thesis or an ongoing research project within a university;

Entries should be submitted in English or French (in Word format).

## 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: 23 November 2020.
- Deadline for submission of the essays: 15 February 2021.

## Contact

Application forms, abstracts, essays and questions can be sent to:  
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