Instructions for the applicants to the 2022 Annual Award of the Société Royale des Sciences de Liège

Who should apply?

- A PhD student or holder of a PhD degree awarded after January 1, 2020, whose PhD thesis work was carried out at ULiege or in official co-supervision with a ULiege supervisor,
- who did not apply more than once to past editions of the SRSL annual award; laureates of previous editions of the award cannot apply again,
- whose research domain is relevant to the Faculty of Sciences of ULiege. Theoretical or applied research applying the concepts of biology, chemistry, geography, geology, mathematics or physics to a broad range of contexts (such as climate, environment, oceanography, astrophysics, etc) are eligible. The didactics of these scientific fields is also eligible.

How to apply?

- submit a paper for free open access publication in the Bulletin de la Société Royale des Sciences de Liège; the paper must meet the following criteria:
    - manuscript written in French or English, targeting a general (= non-specialist) scientific audience and reviewing in a pedagogical way a topic related to the research field of the applicant
    - the applicant is the sole author; acknowledgment of the contributions of collaborators should be placed at the end of the paper
    - manuscript length between 4000 and 8000 words, including the figure legends and excluding the bibliography
    - manuscript submitted as a pdf version with numbered lines, for reviewing and award selection; source files for text (word, libre office, latex) and figures will be required at a later stage.
- provide also the following documents:
    - a short CV
    - a letter from the supervisor(s) of the PhD thesis, endorsing the application and explicitly authorizing the submission of the manuscript
    - if applicable, authorizations to reproduce figures from literature
- send your application by email to the Editor of the Bulletin (georges.lognay@uliege.be) with the President of the Society (B.Vertruyen@uliege.be) in cc before midnight (Belgian time) on Sunday May 29, 2022.

Evaluation and selection

- After verification of the admissibility of the applications, each submitted paper will go through the normal reviewing process of the Bulletin. All accepted papers will be published in the Bulletin.
- The selection for the SRSL Annual Award will be made by the Board of the Society, possibly assisted by external specialists. The main criteria for the selection are the quality of the writing and scientific content, and the suitability for a general scientific audience. The final decision will be sent to the applicant by email.
- Up to 2 applications could be selected, each receiving an award of 500 euros. The selected papers will be published in the "invited papers" section of the Bulletin. The successful applicants will be officially presented with their 2022 Annual SRSL Award during the Annual Conference of the Société Royale des Sciences de Liège at the end of November 2022.