

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2020 SIAD INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR INNOVATIONS IN THE USE OF TECHNICAL GASES WITHIN THE VINICULTURE AND ENOLOGY SECTOR

WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN THE USE OF TECHNICAL GASES WITHIN THE VINICULTURE AND ENOLOGY SECTOR, OICCE AND SIAD HAVE ESTABLISHED THE "SIAD INTERNATIONAL AWARD"

1. The annual recognition is awarded to the best research project focusing on the use of technical gases (nitrogen, carbon dioxide, argon, oxygen) within the viniculture and enology sector with the aim of identifying innovative solutions to improve wine quality and its production processes.
2. Projects will be evaluated by a Committee that will present the award to the individual candidate or team of candidates who presents an innovative research project at any stage of development: initial, reaching completion or completed.
3. Applications must be submitted to the Committee via email, at the address submission_siadprize@siad.eu by 29 February 2020.
4. Each application must include name, surname and qualification of the individual candidate or team leader of the project, date of birth, name of the organization within which the project is being developed (if applicable), address for communication purposes, and a detailed description of the project for which the candidate wants to be considered for, including any references to previous works/publications. The form to submit the application can be downloaded from the Award's website, at siad.com/international-oenology-prize-siad
Further information may be requested from the address info_siadprize@siad.eu
5. The description of the project must be submitted in the candidate's language, accompanied by an English translation, and must not exceed two typed pages. The Committee, at its own discretion, may ask candidates to provide clarifications or further information about their projects.
6. Projects must be innovative, not patented and not subject to current commercial agreements.
7. Each candidate will receive a response confirming the participation in the selection by the committee by 31 March 2020 and will receive the official documentation to be filled out.
8. Candidatures, projects and all documents will be treated as confidential and will not be disclosed.
9. The Award Committee will be formed by experts from the research sector and viniculture production chain and will proclaim the winner(s) of the award. The decision is final. The Committee will be selected by the OICCE Council in agreement with SIAD and will be presided by the President of SIAD, or his delegate, and by the President of OICCE, or an expert nominated by the OICCE Council.
10. To assign the award, the Committee will evaluate the projects based on the following criteria: level of originality and novelty; sustainability; improvement of wine quality and production processes; benefits/costs ratio; time and costs necessary for completion and applicability on an industrial scale.
11. The Committee will decide based on OICCE's guidelines on conflict of interests. The names of those presiding the Committee will be made public, while the names of the members of the Committee will not be disclosed until the Award is formally assigned.
12. The International Award will be presented by OICCE in collaboration with SIAD within the six months after the application deadline.
13. The prize is a SIAD Medal and a cash prize worth €6,000 (gross).
14. The rights pertaining to the projects presented are exclusive to those who created and developed them and arranged to protect them, if they meet the necessary requirements, as provided by the Italian Industrial Property Code (Legislative Decree No. 30, of 10 February 2005, and subsequent modifications) and by the Italian Copyright Law (Law No. 633, of 22 April 1941, and subsequent modifications).

As a consequence of taking part in the project, the materials pertaining to the winning project may be used by OICCE and SIAD S.p.A., with no time limits, to produce informative materials to promote their own or third-party institutional initiatives and in general for their own purposes, including the publication on their communication channels.

As for the other candidates, the names and materials collected for their projects may be used by OICCE and SIAD S.p.A. only if authorized to do so.

