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3rd European Zebrafish Husbandry Association Meeting (EZHAM 2026)

Napoli, October 1th, 2nd, and 3rd 2026

Napoli, September 22, 2026

REGULATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF RECOGNITION FOR SCIENTIFIC MERIT

1. This regulation governs the institution and awarding of two prizes for scientific merit (hereinafter, “*Best 3Rs awards*” or “*prizes*”) in favour of researchers regularly enrolled in the 3rd European Zebrafish Husbandry Association Meeting (EZHAM 2026), which will be held from 1st October to 3rd October 2026. Two prizes will be attributed to the poster presentations.
2. The “*Best 3Rs awards*” aim to support the most deserving researchers for their efforts in preparing the poster and their contributions to the practical application of the 3Rs principle
3. All the posters admitted by the Scientific Committee participate in the Prize.
4. Posters must fit the size defined on the meeting website (<https://www.ezham2026.com/callforabstractezham2026>). They must be presented in paper format in the exhibition area, and remain visible for the duration of the meeting, positioned on the first day of the congress and removed by the author at the end of the event.
5. Except for remote participants, the presence of the author or presenter near the poster is required during the dedicated sessions as according to the program of the event published on the website. The presence of the author near the poster is not required, but it is desirable during breaks, to present their work.
6. The evaluation will be carried out by the members of the Evaluation Committee composed of:
 - Livia D'Angelo, *Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II*
 - Claire Allen, *University of Sheffield*
 - Ana Borges, *GIMM – Gulbenkian Institute for Molecular Medicine*
 - Mollie Millington, *The Francis Crick Institute*
 - Joana Monteiro, *Champalimaud Foundation*
 - Ana Valentim, *i3S- Instituto de Investigação e Inovação em Saúde, UP*
 - Elena De Felice, *Università di Camerino*
7. The Evaluation Committee will evaluate the following criteria for awarding of prizes: application of the 3rs principle, originality, scientific rigor, structure and graphic appearance. Each evaluator will provide a single score for each poster with a score range from 1 (poor) to 10 (excellent). Evaluators may not judge presentations from their own Institutions.



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8. The Committee has the right not to proceed with the awarding of prizes if the content of the works received is deemed unsuitable.
9. In the case of equal score between two or more posters classified at the top of the ranking, the vote of the Coordinator will prevail.
10. The decisions of the Evaluation Committee are unquestionable.
11. The amount of the prizes will be 250,00 euros for each poster. The Best 3Rs Awards will be paid out by the Fondazione Guido Bernardini within three months of the announcement of the winner. The amount is paid in a single solution. Any waiver must be communicated within 15 days of receipt of the notification via email.
12. In case of renouncement of the winner, the prize will be awarded to the first candidate in a useful position in the merit ranking, if indicated, or to another candidate deemed suitable selected by the Evaluation Committee.
13. All official communications will be notified to candidates by e-mail, indicated by them when submitting the application form.
14. Pursuant to art. 13 of the European Reg. No. 679/2016, the personal data of the candidates will be processed by the owner, also with IT tools, for the sole purposes related to the assignment procedure. Failure to provide personal data by the candidate will result in exclusion from the procedure.