

# Societas Celtologica Europaea

## **Prizes for theses in the field of Celtic Studies**

1) The SCE awards two annual prizes for the best theses in the field of Celtic Studies that were accepted by a European university in the previous calendar year.

One prize of EUR 750 is awarded for the best PhD thesis.

A further prize of EUR 500 is awarded for the best MA thesis.

2) Any theses falling under the thematic scope of the SCE can be submitted if they were accepted by an accredited European university the previous calendar year. Submission by the author is not possible, the submission must be made by a qualified scholar who is authorized to supervise a thesis of the relevant category at his home university. This person serves as promoter of the thesis. The promoter must submit a short declaration stating why the thesis is to be nominated for the prize. The declaration must also contain information about which university accepted the thesis, which academic title was awarded for it and how it was rated. In case the promoter is not identical with the supervisor of the thesis, proof of acceptance and of the rating of the thesis has to be submitted. The thesis itself has to be submitted as well, either in electronic or in printed form (three copies).

The submission has to be made by 1 March of every year and is to be directed to the president of the SCE.

For the year 2010, the submission date has been postponed to 1 May.

3) All theses submitted will be examined by a prize committee that will be supported by external experts if necessary. The examination will be carried out according to the following criteria:

- consideration of the state of scholarly debate at the time of submission of the thesis
- methodological stringency of the thesis
- innovative approach of the thesis
- significance of the results of the thesis for the development of the field

4) The prize committee is constituted by the executive committee of the SCE. In case of a member of the executive committee of the SCE functioning as promoter or supervisor of the thesis submitted, this member of the executive committee is excluded from the deliberations about the award. In such a case, the other members of the executive committee will name another member of the SCE as a replacement. Any member of the SCE who is not promoter or supervisor of a thesis submitted that year can be chosen for this task.

5) The prize committee is chaired by the president of the SCE. In case the president is excluded from the deliberations by the reasons named in 4) the chair goes to the vice president. In case neither president nor vice president can take part, the committee will elect a person from among its members as chair. The chairperson is elected with simple majority; in case of equality of votes, the vote of the oldest member of the committee will decide.

6) The prize committee decides with simple majority. In case of equality of votes, the vote of the chairperson of the committee will decide.

7) Decisions of the prize committee are binding. There is no possibility of appeal.

8) If thought appropriate, the prize committee can, upon application by one of its members, divide a prize among more than one candidate, if their theses are found to be of equal quality. In such a case the money attached to the prize will be divided equally between the candidates.

If none of the theses submitted fulfils the criteria named in 3) to a sufficient degree the prize committee can forgo the awarding of the prize.

9) The award of one of the prizes includes the free membership of the SCE in the calendar year of the award and of the following one. In case a prize is awarded to more than one candidate according to 8), all prize winners will receive this free membership. If a prize winner is already a member of the SCE, the membership fee for the current year will either be refunded or credited against the membership fee due for the calendar year following the period of free membership (irrespective of a possible increase of the membership fee in the meantime).

10) In case of dispute, the German version of these regulations is binding.