



5th Italian Zebrafish Meeting

Trento, January 14th, 15th, and 16th 2026

Trento, January 6th, 2026

REGULATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF RECOGNITION FOR SCIENTIFIC MERIT

1. This regulation governs the institution and awarding of five prizes for scientific merit (hereinafter, prize) in favor of researchers regularly enrolled in the 5th Italian Zebrafish Meeting (5th IZM) which will be held from 14 January to 16 January 2026. Two prizes will be attributed to the oral presentations and three prizes to poster presentations.
2. The prizes aim to support the most deserving researchers for their efforts in preparing the oral presentation or the poster.
3. All the oral presentations and posters admitted by the Scientific Committee participate in the Prize, except for the keynote lectures and sponsor talks. Moreover, presenting principal investigators, including associate and full professors are excluded from the competition.
4. In case an author co-authored more than one contribution (oral or poster), he/she will compete for the assignment of a single prize for a single contribution among those presented.
5. Posters must fit the size defined on the meeting website (<https://itazebraphishmeeting.wixsite.com/izm2026>). 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.
6. 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.
7. The evaluation will be carried out by the members of the Evaluation Committee composed of:
 - Matthias Carl (coordinator), Marina Caterina Mione, Luigi Balasco, Ignacio Babiloni Chust, Ilaria Brentari, Michele Tedesco, Andrea Pedroni, Alba Cumplido Mayoral, Andrea Messina, Nicola Tumelero, Michele Garbellini, Samuele Sartori, - Università di Trento
 - Vincenzo Cavalieri - Università degli Studi di Palermo
 - Massimiliano Andreazzoli, Chiara Gabellini, Michela Ori, Martina Orefice - Università di Pisa
 - Francesco Argenton, Massimo Santoro, Natascia Tiso – Università degli Studi di Padova
 - Cristiano Bertolucci - Università degli Studi di Ferrara
 - Anna Pistocchi - Università degli Studi di Milano
 - Paolo Sordino - Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn
 - Simona Candiani, Università di Genova
 - Andrea Vettori, Giovanna Paolone – Università di Verona



- Livia D'Angelo – Università di Napoli
- Antonella Lauri – Ospedale Pediatrico Bambino Gesu, Rome
- Gaia Gestri – University College London, UK

8. The Evaluation Committee will evaluate the following criteria for awarding of prizes: Clarity of exposure, Originality, Scientific rigor, Structure and graphic appearance. Each evaluator will provide a single score for a given presentation with a score range from 1 (poor) to 10 (excellent). Evaluators may not judge presentations from their own Institutions.

9. The Committee has the right not to proceed with the awarding of prizes if the content of the works received is deemed unsuitable.

10. In the case of equal score between two or more posters or oral presentations classified at the top of the ranking, the vote of the Coordinator will prevail.

11. The decisions of the Evaluation Committee are unquestionable.

12. The amount of the prizes will be 500,00 euros for prizes relating to oral presentations and 250,00 euros for prizes relating to posters. The prizes 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.

13. 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.

14. All official communications will be notified to candidates by e-mail, indicated by them when submitting the application form.

15. 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.