



FILIPPO SILVESTRI MEMORIAL AWARD AND LECTURE

The University of Napoli Federico II, in collaboration with the Italian National Academy of Entomology (Accademia Nazionale Italiana di Entomologia) and the Italian Society of Entomology (Società Entomologica Italiana), has established an international scientific prize in honour of the Italian entomologist Filippo Silvestri (1873-1949): Filippo Silvestri Memorial Award.

Filippo Silvestri was an outstanding scientist, internationally recognized as one of the major founders of Biological Control and for his pioneering work on insect polyembryony. He spent his academic career at the University of Napoli Federico II, where he was Professor of Entomology at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences in Portici, from 1904 to 1948.

Award criteria

The “Filippo Silvestri Memorial Award” will be assigned to a scientist who is recognized for their outstanding achievements in the research area of biological control of pest insects, with contributions best reflecting Filippo Silvestri’s approach to science, characterized by an in-depth comprehensive knowledge of insect natural antagonists and the sustainable use of the ecosystem services they provide.

Prize

A celebrative medal inscribed with the winner’s name, and the cost of attending the 2024 International Congress of Entomology (ICE), Kyoto (Japan), where the winner will be invited to deliver the Filippo Silvestri Memorial Lecture.

Eligibility

Letter of nomination from an eminent scientist, and at least three letters of support, proposed by national academies, national entomological societies and/or internationally known scientists belonging to different institutions, preferably based in different countries. The letter of nomination should provide, in no more than two pages, a scientific profile of the nominee and details on his/her contribution to the entomology research area as defined in the award criteria. Nominations should be sent by email to the Head of the Department of Agricultural Sciences, University of Napoli Federico II, at direttoreagraria@unina.it, by May 31st, 2023. The winner will be notified no less than 12 months before the award presentation.

Adjudication

By a committee formally nominated by the Rector of the University of Napoli Federico II, composed of the Rector of the University of Napoli Federico II, the President of the Accademia Nazionale Italiana di Entomologia, and the President of the Società Entomologica Italiana, or their delegates. The committee will evaluate the nominations sent to the Department of Agricultural Sciences, University of Napoli Federico II.

Committee members will consult with the President of the International Congress of Entomology Council and the President of the Local Organizing Committee of the XXVII International Congress of Entomology, ICE 2024 - Kyoto.