Società di Ortoflorofrutticoltura Italiana – Italian Society for Horticultural Science (SOI)

Call for the awarding of prizes for scientific publications in the SOI Journal *Italus Hortus*

The Italian Society for Horticultural Science (SOI), to support the growth of new generations of researchers, intends to establish two awards for the best scientific works in the field of fruit arboriculture and vegetables and ornamentals that will be published by young researchers in the scientific journal *Italus Hortus*.

The award relating to the publication in the fruit arboriculture sector was established as part of an agreement with the Pàtron publishing house and linked to the donation to the SOI of the copyright of the volume "Arboricoltura Generale".
The award for scientific publications in the field of horticulture and floriculture is financed through the proceeds of the SOI National Vegetables and Floriculture Conference.

Requirements:

1) The candidate must be the first author (first name on the author list) of the publication.
2) The candidate must be no older than 35 years at the time of submitting the manuscript to the journal;
3) The submitted manuscript must be an Original Research Paper; Brief Research Reports and Review Papers will not be considered (information on article categories is available on the Italus Hortus website);
4) The candidate may submit only one article for evaluation, which must be on a topic relevant to this call for proposals.
5) Only papers submitted to Italus Hortus between 1 October 2026 and 1 September 2027 and subsequently accepted for publication by the journal will be considered.
6) When submitting a paper to Italus Hortus, an explicit reference to this call for proposals must be made, and the evidence referred to in point 2 must be provided;

Both prizes are worth €1,000.00 (one thousand), including all applicable fees.
The two awards will be presented in early 2028. The winners will be notified of their awards well in advance. All winners will also receive a free SOI membership for 2028.

The works will be evaluated by a special commission, whose president and members will be appointed by the SOI Presidential Council upon recommendation by the Section Councils.

In evaluating the submitted works, the commission will adhere to the following criteria:

1. originality and innovative aspects of the study;
2. methodological rigor;
3. Relevance of the work for the fruit arboriculture, horticulture, and floriculture sectors.

The judgment of the Commission is final.

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