

**COMPETITION
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY
BETWEEN NATURE AND CULTURE**

The Collegio di Milano

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In light of the International Year of Biodiversity declared by the United Nations in order to promote scientific and technical degrees and to encourage scientific knowledge and education, the Collegio di Milano announces a competition with the theme: International Year of Biodiversity: Nature and Culture. A paper written on issues related to human and natural diversity will be given an award; themes include: the scientific and economic value of biodiversity; threats to biodiversity; how to protect biodiversity; environmental education; the impact of human activities; sustainable development; natural and cultural diversity.

Requirements

Open to all students enrolled in an **European Union University for the 2008-2009 and/or 2009-2010 academic years: students pursuing undergraduate, graduate, or fixed-term degrees.**

Award

A trip of naturalistic and anthropological scope: 10 days for two people to travel to western and central/southern Tanzania (Eastern Arc region) on the path of the "Enchanted Mountains" which guard in their rain forests a treasure trove of biodiversity unique in the world (part of one of the last 34 "hot spots" of biodiversity on the planet). The trip can be taken during 2011 in collaboration with the Trento Museum of Natural Science, which runs a research and environmental education station in the Udzungwa mountains: the cornerstone of a project of international cooperation for the protection of local natural and cultural diversity ("Community Based Conservation").

Arrangements and deadlines for submitting applications

Papers, written on paper or sent electronically, must be received before 12PM on **July 15, 2010** accompanied by the candidate's *curriculum vitae* and a registration certificate or degree from a European Union University and sent to: Biodiversity - Collegio di Milano / Via San Vigilio, 10 / 20142 Milan, or biodiversita@collegiodimilano.it. No provision of any kind regarding text length or format. Entries will be judged by a committee comprised of the Director of the Collegio di Milano; the Adviser to the Minister Gelmini; Professor Telmo Pievani, Philosophy of Science, University of Milan Bicocca; and Professor Maurizio Casiraghi, Biology of Invertebrates, University of Milan Bicocca.

Result and Awards

The winner will be awarded on **Thursday, September 2, 2010** at an evening dedicated specifically within the international conference of the Italian Society of Evolutionary Biology, to be held at the University of Milan Bicocca from September 2-4, 2010. The awards ceremony, hosted by the **Museum of Natural History in Milan**, will begin at **7:30PM**. The winner will be awarded during the evening by some of the world's leading experts in biodiversity. This event will be supported by the Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, WRITE TO: biodiversita@collegiodimilano.it

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