

INTERNATIONAL PRIZE  
ROTARY CLUB PARMA "GIUSEPPE VERDI"  
NOTICE OF A COMPETITION

1.

The Rotary Club Parma, in agreement with the 'Fondazione Istituto nazionale di studi verdiani', is glad to announce the XVIII "Giuseppe Verdi" International Prize, to be granted to an Italian or international scholar, for the development and completion of a research project, chiefly in the field of musicology, and concerning the life and works of Giuseppe Verdi set in their historical and cultural context. The main outcome of the research project will be the presentation of a monograph, new and unpublished, which will be published in the Foundation's specialized series, in accordance to the schedule and the procedures established by the same Foundation in agreement with Rotary Club Parma.

2.

The prize, sponsored by the Rotary Club Parma, amounts to Euro 10,000.00, € 7,000.00 of which will be paid directly to the candidate as detailed in article 5, while the remaining 3.000,00 euro will be set aside for the publication of the research project.

The research prize will be paid to the candidate on submission of the completed work, ready for publication, once approved by the Board of Examiners.

3.

Applicants are required to submit a research proposal and their scientific CV. As well as describing the nature and structure of the research project, the candidate must indicate what material is needed for the completion of the project, and an estimate of the size of the volume to be published, including any musical examples and illustrations. The application, sent by post or email, must be submitted to the 'Fondazione Istituto nazionale di studi verdiani', Piazzale San Francesco, 43121 Parma, email address [direzione@studiverdiani.it](mailto:direzione@studiverdiani.it) by **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. The Foundation will communicate the chosen project by **January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

4.

The Board of Examiners assessing the research proposals will be chaired by the Scientific Director of the Foundation, and composed of six members, three of whom appointed by the Rotary Club Parma, with the remaining two, besides the Scientific Director, appointed by the Foundation. The Board of Examiners is in charge of the selection of the project, as well as following the research's progress and the ensuing winner's proclamation.

5.

The research project will be carried out over a period of three years. At the end of the first and second year, the nominee is required to submit a report of her/his research up to that stage. The completed monograph, ready for publication, must be submitted for approval to the Board of Examiners at the end of the third year, no later than **December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**. Extensions may be granted at the discretion of the Board of Examiners. After choosing the project, the Rotary Club Parma will pay to the project's holder an advance amounting to 20% of the prize. The Board of Examiners, described in article 4, may grant interim payments up to a maximum of 50% of the balance, upon presentation of substantiated and documented request.

The balance of the prize will be paid by the Rotary Club Parma on submission of the complete monograph, ready for publication, upon uncensorable approval of the Board of Examiners. Should the work get a negative feedback or fail to meet the deadline, without any further warning, the project's holder will not be declared winner, the Prize will not be awarded, and the balance will not be paid.

6.

The Prize winner is required to provide the Foundation with a copy of any documentary material autonomously acquired over the period of the research project.

7.

In assessing the applications, the Board of Examiners will take into account the following items (in order of importance):

- The originality of the research proposal
- The likelihood that the project may be carried out within the time framework set by this notice
- The expected size of the volume
- The applicant's scientific record.