

2026 NAOS ECOBIOLOGY INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PRIZE REGULATIONS

NAOS - Association "Les Sciences au service de l'Histoire"

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ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE OF THE PRIZE

NAOS in partnership with the Association “Les Sciences au service de l’Histoire” (MAAB project / Museum of Anthropology, Archaeology and Biology Foundation) chaired by Dr Philippe CHARLIER, hereinafter “the Organizer”, is organizing the NAOS International ECOBIOLOGY Prize based on the integrative NAOS Ecobiology approach^{1,2}

The prize consists of a one-off payment of 15,000 Euros.

The prize will be awarded by an interdisciplinary scientific board drawn from the Association “Les Sciences au service de l’Histoire“’s Board of Directors and scientific personalities chosen by Jean-Noël THOREL, pharmacist-biologist founder of NAOS.

The award ceremony will take place alongside the EADV congress the 1st October 2026 in Vienna, Austria and the winner is required to attend.

ARTICLE 2 - PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

The NAOS International ECOBIOLOGY Prize is intended to reward an ongoing research work on the NATURAL HISTORY OF HEALTH at the confluence of the medical sciences and the humanities

(biology, medicine, dermatology, anthropology, archaeology, psychology, philosophy and art history) based on the integrative approach of NAOS Ecobiology.

It is open to researchers of any age from national and international teams attached to a university hospital or university structure.

However, an exemption may be granted if a candidate who is not attached to a university or teaching hospital presents a relevant and original project related to ecobiology.

ARTICLE 3 - CONDITIONS OF ADMISSIBILITY

The Organizer reserves the right to declare null and void any application that is abusive, incomplete, illegible or contains erroneous identity information. Any text or image reproduced, even imperfectly, without appropriate reference to the original, is considered plagiarism. Plagiarism is forbidden under penalty of exclusion from the competition.

ARTICLE 4 - HOW TO ENTER THE COMPETITION

Registration is open until June 10, 2026 at midnight (CET). Applications received after this date will not be considered. Applications with all necessary documents and information should be submitted to the following electronic address: philippe.charlier@uvsq.fr via the application form available online the Université Paris-Saclay Anthropology, Archaeology and Biology Laboratory website <https://laboratoire-laab.fr/naos-ecobiology-international-prize-2026-edition/>

- The application contains :
- the completed application form, including a project summary of no more than 15,000 characters (including spaces);
- the candidate’s curriculum vitae and if necessary, additional documents.

¹ Ecobiology: More than just a word, a philosophy emerging from skincare. L. McEwen, C. Déchelette, S. Fauverghe, Ethics, Medicine and Public Health 31 (2023) 100954. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jemep.2023.100954> and NAOS Ecobiology White Paper (available on request)

² Ecobiology, a unique, forward-looking philosophical approach to skin care. C. Déchelette, L. McEwen, AM. Granet, Revue Hegel, 1, 2024.

ARTICLE 5 - NATURE OF THE PRIZE AND COMPETITION PROCEDURE

The projects selected by the Jury will be awarded the NAOS International ECOBIOLOGY Prize. The Jury reserves the right to award up to three special mentions if it deems other projects to be deserving.

The winning project will receive recognition from the Association “Les Sciences au service de l’Histoire“ (MAAB project / Museum of Anthropology, Archaeology and Biology Foundation) and an endowment of 15,000 Euros. Participants will be informed as soon as possible of the successful receipt of their application. The competition winner will be notified of the jury’s decision in September. of the jury’s decision. The winner will be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending the prize-giving ceremony.

The winning project will be officially announced in a ceremony alongside the EADV congress the first October 2026 in Vienna, Austria and the winner is required to attend.

The winner is informed that he or she may be photographed, interviewed or filmed during the event.

The Organizer reserves the right to modify or cancel the contest without liability.

ARTICLE 6 - THE JURY

The Jury is made up of the President of the Association “Les Sciences au service de l’Histoire“ (MAAB project / Museum of Anthropology, Archaeology and Biology Foundation), members of its Board of Directors and leading scientists from the NAOS Scientific Advisory Board appointed by Jean-Noël Thorel.

The organization of the Jury’s work and deliberations is determined independently by its members.

Jury deliberations are always confidential. The Jury may request the help of an expert to assist it if it considers that it does not have the necessary skills to understand and evaluate a given research project. This expert’s mission is confidential and he/she must not have any interest that could influence his/her judgement.

ARTICLE 7 - CRITERIA FOR SELECTING THE COMPETITION WINNER(S)

The Jury Secretariat examines the admissibility criteria. Selected projects are forwarded to the Jury for evaluation. The Jury may base its assessment on the following criteria in particular:

- relevance of the subject to ecobiology as defined in references 1 and 2;
- originality and innovative character of the subject;
- potential impact on health;
- potential impact on society.

ARTICLE 8 - CHOICE OF WINNER(S) BY THE JURY

Jury members shortlist a maximum of 10 candidates.

Jury members select up to 3 winners, each individually establishing an order of preference on the basis of a scoring grid from among the ten shortlisted candidates, which is then submitted to a secret ballot based on a points system. Each member of the jury will award 3 points to the project they consider the best, 2 points to the second best and 1 point to the third best.

If a candidate withdraws, the jury may make a new selection on the basis of the shortlisted but unsuccessful applications.

Once the votes have been counted, the projects will be ranked in order of points. In the event of a tie, a simple majority vote will be held to break the tie. If necessary, the vote of the jury chairman will be decisive. Candidates with the highest score will be awarded the NAOS International ECOBIOLOGY Prize. The Jury also reserves the right to award special mentions.

ARTICLE 9 - DATA PROTECTION

Participants' personal data will be collected by the Organizer for the purpose of processing their participation in the contest.

Candidates have the right to access, rectify and delete all data concerning them. These rights may be exercised by sending a request to the following e-mail address: datacommissioner@coe.int.

Data is kept for a period of one year.

The winners accept that their first and last names and photos may be used and disseminated by NAOS, NAOS and the Association "Les Sciences au service de l'Histoire" (MAAB project / Museum of Anthropology, Archaeology and Biology Foundation) as part of the communication and promotion of the NAOS International Prize for Ecobiology.

Other personal data provided in the form will not be disclosed to the public.

ARTICLE 10 - CONDITIONS FOR PAYMENT OF PRIZES TO WINNERS

The President of the Association "Les Sciences au service de l'Histoire" (MAAB project / Museum of Anthropology, Archaeology and Biology Foundation) or his authorized delegate issues a decision to pay the endowment of five thousand euros (15,000 Euros) by SEPA bank transfer.

ARTICLE 11 - OBLIGATIONS OF THE PRIZEWINNER

In the event of publication in the form of a thesis or article, the latter must explicitly mention the distinction awarded as follows: "This work has been awarded the NAOS International Ecobiology Prize".