

**SOCIETÀ LICHENOLOGICA ITALIANA – ITALIAN LICHEN SOCIETY
BENEFICENTIA STIFTUNG TRAVEL GRANT TO ATTEND THE 10TH SYMPOSIUM
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR LICHENOLOGY (IAL 10)**

The Italian Lichen Society (SLI) proudly announces a call for **11 travel grants** to support participation in the upcoming IAL10 symposium. Ten grants have been provided to the SLI by the *Beneficentia Stiftung*, Liechtenstein, to help early career lichenologists and PhD students from low-income countries to attend the 10th Congress of the International Association for Lichenology (IAL10). An additional grant has been provided by the BLWG - Dutch Bryological and Lichenological Society.

The grants are reserved to early career lichenologists and PhD students from selected countries in Africa (all countries), Asia (all countries except China, Japan, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan), Central and South America (all countries). The prize consists of **2,000 euro to cover the IAL10 congress fees and to be used for travelling to the IAL10 and for accommodation costs during the congress.**

Submission

Submission is open to:

- 1) PhD students currently registered for a PhD based on research relevant to lichenology, but not yet defended;
- 2) early career lichenologists who have concluded their PhD thesis not earlier than September 30th, 2022, and are carrying out research of lichenological relevance.

Application

Applicants should complete the form (Annex A) available at the end of this call and send it together with the required documents (see below), to **segreteria@lichenologia.eu** by **November 30th, 2025** at the latest.

Applicants must provide all the following documents in English:

- date and place of birth, contact address, telephone, e-mail address, details of education and qualifications, with date(s), place(s) and final grade(s);
- details of current registration for a PhD: the applicants are required to provide the original registration document, or the diploma of the obtained PhD degree;
- curriculum vitae with publication list;

- a statement (max 7,000 characters excluding spaces) describing the research activity, organized as follows: state-of-the-art (max 1,500 characters), aim(s) (max 500 characters), methods (max 3,000 characters), preliminary and/or expected results (max 2,000 characters);
- confirmation of the submission of a contribution (poster, flash talk or oral presentation) to the IAL10, which will be automatically generated and sent by the abstract submission system;
- a statement that the applicant has not applied to different calls for a grant to attend IAL10.

Selection

1. The evaluation panel is composed of the President and Vice President of the IAL10 and three members selected by the Steering Committee of the Italian Lichen Society.
2. The grant will be awarded to the applicants who have achieved the highest score according to the criteria set by the evaluation panel. In the absence of suitable awardees, the grant cannot be awarded. In the event of a tie the youngest applicant will be selected.
3. The judgment of the evaluation panel is final and will be based solely on the documents submitted.

Grant awarding

1. The awardee will be notified not later than January 31st, 2026.
2. The awardee must accept the award within 10 days of notification by sending a confirmation e-mail to segreteria@lichenologia.eu.
3. In accepting the grant, the awardee will be required to show his/her work by means of an oral presentation / flash talk / poster at the 10th Congress of the International Association for Lichenology IAL10 which will take place in Trieste, 26-31, July 2026.
4. A letter confirming the award will be sent to the awardee.
5. If an awardee does not present their work as referred to in paragraph 3, this will cancel their award and they will not receive the funding at the meeting.
6. The awardee will not pay the IAL10 Congress registration fee (that will be automatically paid from the granted 2,000 euro).
7. Awardees will be granted their awards once presenting themselves at the registration desk of IAL10.
8. The awardee must become a member of the International Association for Lichenology (IAL).

Trieste, August 31st, 2025

Società Lichenologica Italiana – Italian Lichen Society

ANNEX A

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE 'BENEFICENTIA TRAVEL GRANTS IAL10'

The undersigned _____ born in _____ on the _____ and currently living in _____; Tax Code _____

- ☐ is currently undertaking a PhD which includes research of lichenological relevance and wishes to be considered as a candidate for the "Beneficentia Travel Grant IAL10" of the value of 2,000.00 euro, which includes the registration fee to the Congress.
- ☐ is a young early career lichenologists who have concluded their PhD thesis not earlier than 30th September 2022 and wishes to be considered as a candidate for the "Beneficentia Travel Grant IAL10" of the value of 2,000.00 euro, which includes the registration fee to the Congress.

DECLARES

- ☐ that he/she has not applied to a different call for a grant to attend IAL10,

that his/her contact address is: _____
phone _____ e-mail _____

That his/her educational qualification(s), with date(s) and grade(s) is/are:

- ☐ and that he/she is currently registered for PhD research about:

which has begun in (date: dd/mm/yyyy) _____
at (specify institution) _____ .

OR

- ☐ and that he/she is currently involved in a research of lichenological relevance about:

which has begun in (date: dd/mm/yyyy) _____
at (specify institution) _____ .

Statements (max 7000 characters excluding spaces), Curriculum Vitae with publication list, and the confirmation of the submission of a contribution (poster / flash talk / oral presentation) to the IAL10 are submitted together with the present document.

Place and date _____

Signature _____

Fully compiled applications must be sent by 31st December 2025 to the Secretary of the Italian Lichen Society c/o Prof. Sergio Enrico Favero Longo at the following e-mail address: segreteria@lichenologia.eu

The receipt of the application will be acknowledged by the Secretary.

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