



**IABEP**  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR  
BIOMONITORING OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION



## **IABEP PARTICIPATION GRANT TO ATTEND THE 10<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR LICHENOLOGY (IAL 10)**

The International Association for Biomonitoring of Environmental Pollution (IABEP) is pleased to announce a call **for two participation grants** for the symposium “*Advancing Lichen Monitoring for Sustainable Cities and Ecosystems*”, which will be held during the upcoming IAL10 Symposium in Trieste, Italy.

These grants aim to support early-career lichenologists (students, PhD candidates, and postdoctoral researchers up to 10 years after their PhD defense) from any country in attending the 10th Congress of the International Association for Lichenology (IAL10).

The funding will cover the congress registration fee, which will be paid directly to the congress organizers.

### **Eligibility**

- Applications are open to students, PhD candidates currently enrolled at a university, and early-career lichenologists who defended their PhD thesis on or after September 30, 2016, conducting research of lichenological relevance in the field of environmental pollution monitoring.
- Applicants must declare that they are not receiving financial support to attend the congress from their institutions, grants, or other resources.
- Applicants must be members of IABEP, with their membership fee fully paid at the time of application.

### **Application**

Applicants must complete the form (Annex A) available at the end of this call and send it together with the required documents (see below), **to** [iabep.biomonitoring@gmail.com](mailto:iabep.biomonitoring@gmail.com) **by November 30th, 2025**.

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 enrolment as a student or PhD student: the applicants are required to provide the original registration document, or a current proof of enrolment
- details of current position as postdoctoral scientist, incl. date of PhD defense;
- curriculum vitae with publication list;

- 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 list of other funding agencies or calls they have applied to for attending the IAL10.

### **Selection**

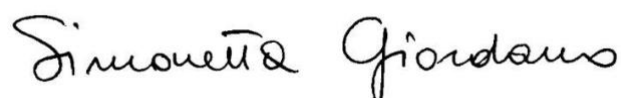
1. The evaluation panel is composed of Simonetta Giordano, President of the IABEP, Elisa Pellegrini, Treasurer of the IABEP, and Silvana Munzi, chair of the symposium.
2. The grant will be awarded to the applicants who have achieved the highest score according to the criteria set by the evaluation panel. In the absence of suitable awardees, the grant cannot be awarded. In case of level on points the youngest in age 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 December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
2. The awardee must accept the award within 10 days of notification by sending a confirmation e-mail to [iabep.biomonitoring@gmail.com](mailto:iabep.biomonitoring@gmail.com).
3. In accepting the grant, the awardee will be required to show their work by means of an oral presentation / flash talk /poster at the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

August 30<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Simonetta Giordano  
President of the IABEP



ANNEX A

**APPLICATION FORM FOR THE 'IABEP PARTICIPATION 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 in the field of environmental pollution monitoring
- is an early career lichenologist who has concluded their PhD thesis in the field of environmental pollution monitoring with lichens not earlier than 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and wishes to be considered as a candidate for the "IABEP Participation Grant IAL10" of the value of the registration fee.

**DECLARES**

- That they have applied to the following other calls or funding agencies for funding to attend IAL10:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- That they do not receive financial support to attend IAL10 from their institutions, grants, or other resources.

That their contact address is: \_\_\_\_\_  
phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

That their educational qualification(s), with date(s) and grade(s) is/are:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- and that he/she is currently registered as a student or PhD candidate, carrying out research about:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ which has begun in (date: dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_  
at (specify institution) \_\_\_\_\_ .

- and that he/she is currently involved in postdoctoral research of lichenological relevance about:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ which has begun in (date: dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_  
at (specify institution) \_\_\_\_\_ .

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 (in a single PDF) must be sent by 30th November 2025 to the President of the International Association for Biomonitoring of Environmental Pollution at following e-mail address:  
[iabep.biomonitoring@gmail.com](mailto:iabep.biomonitoring@gmail.com)**