

IACS AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE 2022

The Board of the International Association for Coptic Studies announces Awards for Academic Excellence to be given at the Twelfth International Congress of Coptic Studies, to be held in Brussels, Belgium, 11–16 July 2022. On this occasion the IACS will award four prizes, two for the best M.A. theses and two for the best Ph.D. dissertations, all written in the field of Coptic studies. Winners will receive a certificate and an amount of € 2,000 (Ph.D.) or an amount of € 1,000 (M.A.).

Eligible theses and dissertations should make a significant scholarly contribution in the field of Coptic studies in the widest possible acceptance, in accordance with the objectives of the IACS. Eligible for the current competition will be M.A. theses and Ph.D. dissertations accepted by any recognized academic institution in the six-year period 2016 through 2021. By “acceptance” is meant the date of the formal approval of the thesis/dissertation by the responsible faculty; it does *not* mean the date of submission or the date on which the resulting degree was ceremonially conferred (as at a graduation ceremony).

Competitors for the prizes are requested to submit before 15 May 2022 a PDF version of their thesis/dissertation (it is *not* necessary to submit also a printed copy) to the President-Elect of the IACS, Prof. Paola Buzi, at paola.buzi@uniroma1.it. Submissions should clearly give the full name and contact information of the author of the thesis/dissertation, and they should be accompanied by a copy of the diploma (or other proof that the thesis/dissertation has been formally accepted by a recognized academic institution) and a brief letter of recommendation from a supervisor of the thesis or dissertation. The thesis/dissertation may be written in any of the four “congress languages” recognized by the IACS (English, French, German, Italian). Submissions will be judged for clarity and correctness of expression, conceptual and methodological adequacy, originality, as well as general quality and interest; for Ph.D. dissertations, also methodological innovation will be a criterion. The jury will consist of the Board of the IACS, which may call in specialist advice if necessary.

The jury will hold its deliberations immediately before the Twelfth International Congress of Coptic Studies, and the awards will be announced during the opening session of the Congress. Winners do not need to attend the Congress in order to receive their award; a winner who is absent will be contacted by the IACS Secretary either during the Congress or immediately thereafter.