



## **SIGRAV Prizes Rules**

The Italian Society of General Relativity and Gravitation (henceforth SIGRAV) awards, every two years, two "SIGRAV Prizes" to young Italian scientists who have given relevant contributions to General Relativity and/or Gravitational Physics.

One prize is awarded for the category: "Classical and Quantum Gravity" and another for "Astrophysics, Cosmology and Experimental Gravity".

"Italian scientist" identifies here a researcher of Italian nationality whose affiliation is not necessarily an Italian institution. The candidate's age must not exceed 40 years at the moment of the nomination. Periods of maternity/paternity or sick leaves can be deduced.

The selection process takes place in three phases:

### Phase 1 -

Nominations are proposed by SIGRAV members, in response to the call issued by the Board no earlier than one year before the biennial Society meeting.

Nominations must be turned in (via email to an address to be clearly specified in the call) using a standard format: a letter with motivations, signed by one or more proponents and a CV of the candidate with a list of publications. Up to three letters of reference can be attached, at least one from a senior scientist which has not been a supervisor of the candidate (*B.Sc., M.Sc. or Ph.D*) or a close collaborator. Self-nominations are not admitted.

### Phase 2 –

The selected candidates are proposed for approval to the Board by a Committee of five members: four appointed by the Board, plus the SIGRAV President.

The Committee might or might not coincide with the Amaldi Medal Committee.

The SIGRAV President appoints one of the Committee members to act as Coordinator.

The Coordinator collects the nominations, sets the work schedule and guarantees a smooth completion of the selection process.

The Committee can convene or discuss and decide via email. Participation to the Committee is voluntary and free of charge for the Society.

The Committee must finish its operations no later than four months before the SIGRAV National Meeting.

The Committee examines the nominations contributed by the SIGRAV members. It can seek external advice on the received nominations and/or seeks further external nominations before deciding.

The Committee can take into account thematic considerations, insofar as this does not conflict with the scientific quality of the Prizes.



At the end of its work, the Committee presents a short list, of up to three names worth of each Prize, to the SIGRAV board.

Phase 3 - The Board selects, within the short list, the SIGRAV Prize recipients, and communicates the prize to the winners in time to plan arrangements for the awarding ceremony.

The SIGRAV Prizes are awarded during the Society National Meetings and are accompanied by Diplomas that mention their category (“Classical and Quantum Gravity” or “Astrophysics, Cosmology and Experimental Gravity”).

The Award recipients are expected to participate in the corresponding National Meeting and to deliver a talk illustrating their research.

Online participation can be exceptionally accepted when motivated by serious impediments.

The Board, based on the previous experience, can periodically reconsider the rules of the Prize (normally every four years), and renews (at least in part) the Committee before every new edition.

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