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Dear Colleagues,

The journal *Forests* is inviting applications for the *Forests* 2023 Best PhD Thesis Award. This prize will be awarded to two PhD students or recently qualified PhD fellows who have produced a highly anticipated thesis with great academic potential. The applications will be assessed by an evaluation committee led by the Editors-in-Chief, Prof. Dr. Timothy A. Martin and Dr. Cate Macinnis-Ng.

Eligibility and Requirements:

- The candidate must be a PhD student or recently qualified PhD fellow who has produced a highly anticipated thesis with great academic potential;
- The PhD thesis must be their original work;
- The PhD thesis must be defended in 2023.

Required Application Documents:

- An executive summary of the PhD thesis in English of around 3000 words;
- A letter from the PhD supervisor recommending the candidate for consideration for this award;
- The candidate's CV, including a list of publications connected with the thesis;
- An electronic copy of the PhD thesis;
- A scanned copy of the PhD diploma (or certificate of studying at a school or research institute as a PhD student going to graduate or participate in graduation thesis defenses).

Selection Criteria:

- Quality of resume and publications;
- Relevance of the candidate and research description;
- Novelty of the candidate's PhD thesis;
- Strength of the recommendation letter;
- Anticipated academic potential;
- Originality and impact of the research.

Prizes:

- Bonus (CHF 500);
- An electronic certificate;
- Offer to publish one paper free of charge in *Forests* after peer review before the end of 31 December 2025.

The application deadline is 31 May 2024. The winners will be announced on the *Forests* website by the end of July 2024.

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