

## COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE AWARDING OF TWO PRIZES FOR DEGREE THESES (Bachelors' and Masters' degrees), 2022 – 2023 and 2023 – 2024 ACADEMIC YEARS

### Article 1

The Julian Pre-Alps Natural Park Authority, in its capacity as coordinator of the Julian Alps MAB Unesco Biosphere Reserve, announces a competition for the awarding of two prizes amounting to € 500.00 (five hundred Euros) each, gross of withholding taxes, reserved for graduates who have discussed in the academic years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 a Bachelor's or Master's degree in universities located in the European Union, concerning the in-depth study of aspects relating to the Julian Alps MAB UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, its reference territory (municipalities of Chiusaforte, Lusevera, Moggio Udinese, Resia, Resiutta, Venzone, Artegna, Dogna, Gemona del Friuli, Montenars and Taipana), the Julian Alps MAB UNESCO transboundary Biosphere Reserve and the cross-border relations with the Slovenian Triglav National Park. The topics of the thesis should refer to the following macro areas: ecological - environmental, historical and social, development and sustainability. Any contributions referring to other disciplines shall, in any case, be examined by the Commission.

### Article 2

In order to be eligible to take part in the competition, interested parties **must send**, no later than **31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**, the application to take part in the competition, indicating in the subject line 'Degree Thesis Award' to the following certified e-mail address (PEC) [parcoprealpigiulie@cert.spin.it](mailto:parcoprealpigiulie@cert.spin.it) or alternatively, to the e-mail address [info@parcoprealpigiulie.it](mailto:info@parcoprealpigiulie.it) of the Ente Parco Naturale delle Prealpi Giulie (Julian Prealps Natural Park Authority), located in Piazza del Tiglio, 3 - 33010 Resia (Udine, Italy), containing the following documentation:

1) competition application, complete with declaration made pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Italian Presidential Decree No. 445/2000 stating:

- a) Name, surname, date and place of birth;
- b) permanent address;
- c) Tax code;
- d) Phone number and e-mail address;
- e) The title of the thesis with details of the university where the degree was achieved, the degree course, the academic year and the date on which it was discussed, the final mark and the supervisor/assistant supervisor;
- f) that the text of the enclosed thesis is in conformity with the original filed at the university;
- g) authorisation for data processing pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2016/679 dated 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 - General Data Protection Regulation, signed by the data subject,

2) the file in digital format (pdf) of the thesis;

3) an extended summary of the thesis written either in Italian or in English, with a maximum length of 3,000 words, which shall be developed according to the following scheme: introduction and purposes of the thesis, methods, the main results obtained, outcomes with reference to the knowledge and deepening of the aspects of the UNESCO MAB Biosphere Reserve "Julian Alps"; the summary may be accompanied by iconographies (max. 2 illustrations and/or tables).

4) A photocopy of a valid ID document.

The Park Authority shall send an e-mail to confirm receipt of the competition application.

### Article 3

The assessment of the applications and the choice of the winner shall be entrusted to a Commission, which shall carry out the work on a voluntary basis and free of charge. The Commission shall assess the theses anonymously using copies without a title page and marked with a number, provided by the Park secretariat.

### Article 4

The Commission shall assess the theses using the following assessment criteria:

1. outcome in terms of a better understanding of the current situation of the Julian Alps UNESCO MAB Biosphere Reserve, its reference area, the Julian Alps UNESCO MAB transboundary Biosphere Reserve and cross-border relations with the Slovenian Triglav National Park;
2. originality and innovative content of the study;
3. formal quality of the work, bibliography and apparatus of notes and references, as well as iconography.

### Article 5

The Commission's decision is final.

On the basis of the Commission's indications and decisions, the Julian Prealps Nature Park shall award a prize of € 500.00 for Bachelor's theses lasting 3 years, and a prize of € 500.00 for Master's theses. The Commission has the right not to identify any winners and to single out theses worthy of mention.

Participation in the competition is considered as full acceptance of the contents of this announcement.

### Article 6

The texts of the theses submitted to the competition shall be stored in a digital archive and shall be retained for public consultation.

### Article 7

The prize winners and any special mention recipients undertake to participate in a specific initiative organised by the Park Authority concerning the presentation of the topics dealt with in the prize-winning theses.

Resia (Udine, Italy), 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025.



The President  
Anna Micelli