

RESOURCE ECOLOGY STUDENT AWARDS

Students of the Resource Ecology Group are eligible for receiving the following two awards:

1. **The ALFRED RUSSEL WALLACE AWARD IN RESOURCE ECOLOGY** – this award will be bestowed once per year *for the best Master's thesis*. Only master's students of the Resource Ecology Group are eligible, under the condition that they have handed in their thesis (final version).
2. **The WILLEM BARENTSZ AWARD IN RESOURCE ECOLOGY** – this award will be bestowed once per year *for the best field work leading to a Master's thesis*. Only master's students of the Resource Ecology Group are eligible, under the condition that they have handed in their thesis (final version).

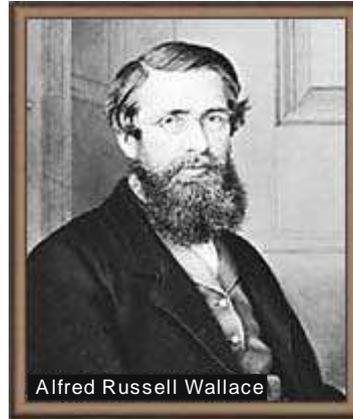
The value of the **ALFRED RUSSEL WALLACE AWARD IN RESOURCE ECOLOGY** will be **150 euro**.

The value of the **WILLEM BARENTSZ AWARD IN RESOURCE ECOLOGY** will be **150 euro**.

The recipient/Recipients of the award can spend as she/he/they see(s) fit. The award can be shared between two or more students who have worked together. For technical reasons the recipient(s) cannot receive cash or money in a bank account. S/he/they will be reimbursed for her/his/their expenditure to a maximum value equal to 150 euro upon presentation to the administration of a receipt of his/their/her expenditure to maximally the amount of the award. Expenditure should be done within 6 months of the awarding of the prize. No receipt will be accepted by the administration after that time.

For awarding the Willem Barentsz Award and for the Alfred Russel Award sets of rules have been developed (see below).

ALFRED RUSSEL WALLACE AWARD IN RESOURCE ECOLOGY



THE FOLLOWING RULES WILL APPLY

For the Alfred Russel Award a small committee of minimally three persons shall be formed consisting of staff of the Resource Ecology Group, chaired by the Chair. The committee can be identical to the one selecting for the Willem Barentsz Award in Resource Ecology.

Supervisors can maximally nominate three theses per year; only theses of which the final version was handed in to the supervisor in a particular calendar year can be nominated.

Nominating supervisors submit a short report for each nominated thesis at the beginning of the calendar-year following upon the year that the theses were handed in. Reports will briefly address the following criteria:

- ✓ Overall quality,
- ✓ Presentation (writing, lay-out, use of graphics),
- ✓ Quality of data collection and/or experimentation, and
- ✓ Level of scientific analysis (use of statistics, use of modelling).
- ✓ As additional positive points, the committee will take into account whether the candidates have submitted their work for publication, and whether media coverage has been generated.

On basis of these reports, the committee will select three nominates (or less if the total number of nominates is less) and rank them. The three nominates and the ranking will be discussed at a staff meeting during the first term of the beginning of the calendar-year following upon the year that the theses were handed in. During this meeting a decision will be reached about the winner(s) of the award. The award will then be handed out during the first colloquium afternoon following upon that staff meeting.

WILLEM BARENTSZ AWARD IN RESOURCE ECOLOGY



THE FOLLOWING RULES WILL APPLY

For the Willem Barentsz Award a small committee of minimally three persons shall be formed consisting of staff of the Resource Ecology Group, chaired by the Chair. The committee can be identical to the one selecting for the Alfred Russel Award in Resource Ecology.

Supervisors can nominate fieldwork forming the basis of maximally three theses per year; only fieldwork that provided the basis of theses that were handed in to the supervisor in a particular calendar year can be nominated. In other words, not the year in which the fieldwork was executed determines the year for which the nominee is eligible but the year in which the final version of the thesis was handed in.

Nominating supervisors submit a short report for each nominated thesis at the beginning of the calendar-year following upon the year that the theses were handed in. Reports will briefly address the following criteria:

- ✓ Number of people working together (this can both be rated positive as negative),
- ✓ Hardship and endurance (this is difficult to measure objectively so it is of particular importance that the nominating staff member tries to give a description; categories to include are: physical hardship, mental hardship and anguish, and degree of isolation and remoteness of fieldwork area. It is recommended to make an assessment not only on the basis of the terrain but also on basis of the difficulty as perceived by the nominee,
- ✓ Ingenuity - this is also difficult to measure objectively so it is of particular importance that the nominating staff member tries to give a description (categories to include are inventiveness in finding solutions, and technical skills),
- ✓ Quality of data collection and/or experimentation,
- ✓ As additional positive points, the committee will take into account whether the candidates have submitted their work for publication, and whether media coverage has been generated.

On basis of these reports, the committee will select three nominates (or less if the total number of nominates is less) and rank them. The three nominates and the ranking will be discussed at a staff meeting during the first term of the beginning of the calendar-year following upon the year that the theses were handed in. During this meeting a decision will be reached about the winner(s) of the award. The award will then be handed out during the first colloquium afternoon following upon that staff meeting.