



Affaire suivie par :
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Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At the 1st European Biennial Event of Highland Regions, held in October 2005 in Gérardmer (Les Vosges, France), representatives of the different mountain ranges in France undertook to combine their strengths to ensure sustainable economic development in national and European mountain areas.

Following these commitments, it was decided to create a Club of Mountain Chambers of Commerce and Industry, which now gathers fifty Chambers working together in an inter-mountain ranges network to protect the distinct features and assets of highland regions.

An international multidisciplinary Scientific Committee has also been created, made up of fifteen mountain specialists from all over Europe. This has been entrusted with helping companies in mountain areas to anticipate future issues and challenges, thereby encouraging research on mountain areas through CIFRE agreements.

The other major mission of this committee is to examine theses on mountain areas with a view to awarding a €5,000 prize to the one whose contents will allow for the most effective support of sustainable development in mountain territories. This award will be given at the 4th European Biennial Event of Highland Regions in 2011, in the presence of European figures and the press.

This is why we are contacting you today, to ask if one or more theses that have been defended from 2007 by students from your research team would be suitable for submitting to this competition.

To be able to contribute, the work submitted will have to concern the social, economic or human sciences field and/or touch on environmental aspects. It may be the work of French or European research teams and written in any language of the European Union.

The Scientific Committee members will conduct a pre-selection, for which applicants will have to send us two summaries of their theses, the first two pages long and the second a maximum of thirty pages, both written in their original language.

These documents must be sent to us by post or email by 15th January 2011, to the following address:

Mr President Yves DUBIEF
c/o Mr. Guillaume REBIERE
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The applicant's CV along with the viva examiners' report and the list of these examiners where possible must be attached to these two condensed documents.

If pre-selected, the applicants must then send us two full copies of their theses, each of which will be examined by two rapporteurs who will write a confidential report. The different applicants will be informed of the result in June 2011. The student whose thesis is selected to receive the award will be given the prize at the 4th European Biennial Event of Highland Regions, on 13th October 2011, at Gérardmer (Vosges – France), in the presence of the research team Director who supervised him/her.

To receive the €5,000 prize, the winner must attend the award ceremony. Travel and hotel expenses will be taken care of by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Vosges.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. For any information that you consider worthwhile obtaining, you may contact M. Guillaume REBIERE, Mountain Representative at the Vosges Chamber of Commerce and Industry, on +33 (0) 820 203 038 or by email at grebriere@vosges.cci.fr.

Thank you in advance for the interest you show in our invitation, we look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely.

The Président,



Yves DUBIEF