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2010 EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS AWARD FOR RESEARCH INTO PUBLIC SECTOR AUDITING – JESÚS LÁZARO CUENCA

The European Court of Auditors (ECA) has decided to establish the “European Court of Auditors Award for research into public sector auditing” for academic research linked to public audit and to the ECA’s mission and values in order to provide an incentive and recognition for research on public audit related issues. The winner(s) will receive from the ECA a medal, an award certificate and a prize of 5.000,00 euros.

Objectives

The award is addressed to European academics for their theses in the fields of theoretical and/or empirical studies related to public sector auditing, in particular within a European Union context. This covers, for example: audit methods and audit standards; financial, compliance and performance audit; audit of specific areas of the EU finances; quality control; reporting; organizational and management aspects; internal audit and control or audit ethics.

Eligibility

The award is open to all postgraduates from universities of the European Union who have written a Master’s thesis or a PhD thesis that has not yet been submitted for other awards and does not date back to before 1st January 2008.

Selection Committee

The Selection panel for the “European Court of Auditors’ Award for research on public sector auditing – Jesús Lázaro Cuenca” will be composed of three experts from public audit organisations, current or former members of the European Court of Auditors or university professors from EU Member States.

Application procedures and deadline for 2010

1 October 2010

(E-mail or postal applications to be sent or postmarked 1 October 2010 at the latest)

EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS AWARD

FOR RESEARCH INTO PUBLIC SECTOR AUDITING

Presentation

In accordance with its mission and values, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) is committed to being at the forefront of the development of public sector auditing, both in the EU and worldwide.

The ECA has already been the subject of a number of publications of an empirical or scientific nature and it is keen to develop further active links with the scientific community.

For this reason the ECA has decided to establish the **“European Court of Auditors Award for research into public sector auditing”** for academic research linked to public audit and to the ECA’s mission and values, in order to provide an incentive and recognition for research on public audit related issues.

Each edition will pay tribute to a person who has contributed through their work and example to the reputation of the ECA as a European institution at the forefront of the development of public auditing.

The first edition of the award will pay tribute to the memory of **Jesús Lázaro Cuenca**, who contributed over many years to developing audit methods and approaches at the ECA with his teams, in particular in his capacity as the director responsible for the Court’s audit methodology. He was held in very high esteem as a professional not only in his country of origin but also amongst professionals within the supreme audit institutions of the EU, the INTOSAI community and the EU’s institutions. His sudden death in 2009 was a great loss of a highly appreciated personality and colleague within ECA.

The **“European Court of Auditors Award for research into public sector auditing – Jesús Lázaro Cuenca”** will be governed by the following rules:

RULES ON THE EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS' 2010 AWARD FOR RESEARCH INTO PUBLIC SECTOR AUDITING

1. Subject

The award is addressed to European academics for their theses in the fields of **theoretical and/or empirical studies related to public sector auditing, in particular within a European Union context**. This covers, for example: audit methods and audit standards; financial, compliance and performance audit; audit of specific areas of the EU finances; quality control; reporting; organizational and management aspects; internal audit and control; or audit ethics.

2. Eligibility

The award is open to all postgraduates from universities of the European Union who have written a Master's thesis or a PhD thesis that has not yet been submitted for other awards. The viva examination must have taken place on or after 1st January 2008.

3. Applications

Candidates shall submit:

1. by preference, a PDF copy (or three printed copies) of their thesis;
2. a short summary (maximum 5 000 words) of the thesis;
3. a justification of why they consider the thesis to be relevant for the award (maximum 1 000 words);
4. a brief letter of recommendation from a professor at the university to which the thesis was submitted. This reference should set out, in not more than 2 000 words, the relevance of the thesis submitted for the award;
5. their Curriculum Vitae.

The thesis itself (1) may be in any of the official languages of the European Union, but all other supporting documentation referred to above (2 to 5) should be submitted in either English or French. By preference, all the above documents, along with the checklist, should be submitted by email in PDF format.

In addition to the documents presented with the application, the selection panel may request further information from applicants.

By submitting the thesis, the applicant gives the ECA the right to publish the thesis on its website in the event of the thesis being selected for the award. For all other purposes, the copyright remains with the successful applicant.

4. Selection process

The ECA will submit the applications to a selection panel.

The selection panel for the “European Court of Auditors’ Award for research into public sector auditing – Jesús Lázaro Cuenca” will be composed of three experts from public audit organisations, current or former Members of the European Court of Auditors or university professors from EU Member States.

The selection panel will independently assess the applications, identify the thesis which is considered to merit the award and provide a brief justification of their choice.

The selection panel may propose not to confer the award if the submitted theses do not meet an outstanding level of quality. It may also confer the award jointly and *ex aequo* to two applicants.

The decision of the selection panel on the award winner shall be final and may not be challenged in the courts.

The ECA will provide the secretariat of the selection panel. The President of ECA may chair the selection panel’s meetings without the right to vote.

5. Criteria

The fundamental criteria used in the assessment process shall be the originality, the innovative qualities, the significance and the overall quality of the applicant's contribution to the respective theme at the current time.

6. Awards ceremony

Following a formal decision by the Court taking note of the selection panel's decision, the winner(s) will be invited for a public ceremony at the ECA to receive the award and to deliver a lecture of up to 45 minutes. This will take place in Luxembourg in spring 2011, on a date to be published by the ECA on its website.

By accepting the award, the winner(s) agree(s) that all future publications of the thesis or of any part of the thesis shall make reference to the "European Court of Auditors' Award for Research on Public Sector Auditing" and shall mention the year the award was conferred.

7. Announcement of the award and prize

The prize will be awarded every two years.

The winner(s) will receive from the ECA a medal, an award certificate and a prize of 5.000,00 euros.

8. Deadline

Applications shall be submitted with all documentation referred to under 3 - thesis and supporting documentation – by 1st October 2010 and shall be addressed to :

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Secretariat of the European Court of Auditors Awards
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12 rue Alcide De Gasperi
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Applications arriving after this date at the ECA will not be admitted for the award selection procedure.

**CHECKLIST/QUESTIONNAIRE: MUST BE RETURNED,
SIGNED AND DATED**

(the applicant is requested to fill in the following checklist legibly)

	Documents attached? ¹		Comments
	yes	no	
(1) A PDF copy (or three printed copies) of the thesis			
(2) A short summary of the thesis (maximum 5 000 words)			
(3) A justification of why the applicant considers the thesis to be relevant for the award (maximum 1 000 words)			
(4) A brief letter of recommendation from a professor at the university to which the thesis was submitted. This reference should set out, in not more than 2 000 words, the relevance of the thesis submitted for the Award			
(5) The Curriculum Vitae of the applicant			

Applications and all related correspondence should be addressed, **by preference in PDF format**, to:

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Name and post of signatory
Signature

Date:.....

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