



## Ebbe Nielsen Prize 2014

### Call for nominations

*The Ebbe Nielsen Prize will be awarded for the thirteenth time in 2014 to an individual or small team that is demonstrating innovative research excellence in integrating biodiversity science and informatics. The Science Committee of the GBIF Governing Board seeks nominations for the Prize, which are due 31 May 2014.*

#### Description, Qualifications and Nomination Procedures

1. The annual Ebbe Nielsen Prize (ENP) was established by the GBIF Governing Board in 2001 to honour its namesake, Ebbe Schmidt Nielsen, who was an inspirational leader in the fields of biosystematics/biodiversity informatics, and played a key role in the establishment of GBIF.
2. The Prize, €30,000, is intended to recognize *a body of recent and current research* that demonstrates excellence, novelty and innovation in advancing the integration of biodiversity science and informatics.
3. Nominees may be a single investigator, or a small, joint research team conducting research at an institution in a GBIF Voting or Associate Participant country<sup>1</sup>.
4. The prize is intended to support growth and amplification of the awardee's biodiversity informatics research, which may be conducted at either their home institution, or as a visiting scholar at an institution of their choice within or outside the awardee's country of residence. The specific research use of the award is at the discretion of the recipient(s).
5. ENP nominations must be submitted to the Secretariat by a Head of Delegation of any GBIF Voting or Associate Participant country<sup>1</sup> to the following e-mail address: [ENPrize@gbif.org](mailto:ENPrize@gbif.org). **A maximum of 2 nominations** may be submitted by each Head of Delegation. The deadline for submission of nominations is **31 May 2014**.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.gbif.org/contact/directoryofcontacts>

6. **The nomination packet**, prepared in English, must include the following documents in electronic form<sup>2</sup>:
  - a cover letter from the Head of Delegation of the nominating GBIF Participant describing the novel and innovative nature of the nominee's research achievement;
  - materials that support the nominee's research achievements, such as reprints or links to on-line publications and research websites;
  - the nominee's curriculum vitae;
  - a statement from the nominee describing how the Prize will be used to foster growth and advancement of their body of research.
  - a maximum of three (3) supporting letters from experts in the fields of biodiversity science, systematics, ecology or biodiversity informatics;
7. The winner of the Prize will be selected by the Science Committee of the GBIF Governing Board. The Prize will be awarded at the Annual GBIF Governing Board meeting held September 2014 in New Delhi, India.
8. The Prize winner will be invited to present their research at the GBIF Science Symposium during the annual Governing Board meeting, with an emphasis on how the research is serving the broader interests of science and society. The public will be invited to attend the lecture.

Further information about the prize, its history and previous years' winners can be found at: <http://www.gbif.org/newsroom/opportunities#ebbenielsen>.

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<sup>2</sup> Previous nominations may be updated and submitted for consideration in the 2014 competition.