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## EFFS award for the best PhD Dissertation in Freshwater Sciences Call 2013-2014 Submissions to Swiss Society for Hydrology and Limnology

The European Federation for Freshwater Sciences (EFFS) launches the EFFS Award for the best PhD Dissertation in Freshwater Sciences, which will recognize outstanding scientific and intellectual work in the field of Freshwater Sciences performed by Early Career Researchers in Europe. Swiss applicants can submit their PhD thesis to the Swiss Society for Hydrology and Limnology (SSHLSGHL), before the 31st December 2014.

- PhD theses should have been **submitted in Europe** and defended during the years **2013-2014**
- The PhD dissertation can be written in any European language
- Applicants should be members of an Association related to Freshwater Sciences and affiliated to the European Federation for Freshwater Sciences (EFFS). For Switzerland, the Swiss Society for Hydrology and Limnology (SSHLSGHL) is the referent association (for information, see [www.sghl.ch](http://www.sghl.ch))
- SSHLSGHL will perform a pre-selection according to common rules and time schedule for selection, and using evaluation criteria similar to those for Marie Curie fellowship proposals. E.g. PhD dissertation will be evaluated according to their scientific/technological quality (score 0-20), originality (0-20), methodological approach (0-20), relevance and potential scientific impact of the work carried out (0-20).
- SSHLSGHL (reference Association for Switzerland) can submit a maximum of two selected PhD dissertations to the final EFFS evaluation.
- The final evaluation will be carried out by the EFFS by the end of February 2015. The evaluation criteria are based on the evaluation reports submitted by national associations (SSHLSGHL for Switzerland).
- The Award will consider one main and two subsidiary prizes:
  - o The main prize will consist of a Diploma and a grant to attend the next Symposium for European Freshwater Sciences (SEFS), including registration fee, travel and lodging. During this meeting, the winning author will be required to give a dedicated Plenary Lecture on his/her PhD dissertation topic.
  - o The winners of the subsidiary prizes will receive a Diploma and a grant covering the registration fee to attend the next Symposium for European Freshwater Sciences (SEFS).
- Recipients of the Awards will be informed at least three months before the opening day of SEFS.
- An awards ceremony will take place just before the dedicated Plenary Lecture. In addition to the Plenary Lecture – given by the main prize winner - the three winning theses will be exhibited during the next SEFS meeting in a section of the venue dedicated to the association of European Fresh and Young Researchers (EFYR). The exhibition will include at least one hard copy of the theses (we will also encourage the distribution of e-copies) and a poster explaining the contents of each winning thesis. Hard copies, electronic copies (if any), and posters must be provided by the authors themselves.

### Submission of Swiss applications.

- Applicants should submit their application form to SSHLSGHL (reference Association for Switzerland). The submission has to be electronic and has to be sent to [beat.oertli@hesge.ch](mailto:beat.oertli@hesge.ch) , **before the 31<sup>th</sup> December 2014**.
- PhD dissertations must be accompanied by an extended abstract in English not longer than 5 printed pages single spaced, and containing a maximum of 4 figures. The extended abstract has to be signed by the supervisor(s) along with the list of publication related to the PhD work.