

UNIVERSITAT OBERTA PER A MAJORS (UOM)

II International Summer Senior University

DARWIN AWARD TO THE BEST DIDACTIC INITIATIVE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE II INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SENIOR UNIVERSITY "LIVING SCIENCE ON CAMPUS"

PRESENTATION:

The year 2009 has internationally been declared "Darwin Year" in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of this distinguished scientist and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his seminal work on the origin of species.

The relevance of this anniversary, celebrated across the world, lies, on the one hand, in the direct repercussions of Darwinian and Neo-Darwinian theories on life sciences and, on the other hand, in the incorporation of multiple aspects of evolutionism into diverse fields of knowledge, such as the disciplines known as social sciences and humanities. The evolutionary ideas put forward by Darwin were integrated into numerous fields of Knowledge, giving rise to new scientific and professional disciplines, reorienting the focus of others, facilitating the appearance of new explanatory models, and stimulating a disciplinary convergence in studies of the reality we inhabit. In addition, the social dissemination of evolutionary postulates, which have not always been correctly interpreted, caused an unprecedented impact on so-called "popular knowledge", radically altering our conception of the universe around us and deeply influencing the way we understand life.

In order to help spreading the Darwin's seminal work, the Open University for Seniors (UOM) announces an award for the best didactic initiative presented by students of different European universities with adult education programs who, moreover, must be enrolled in the II International Summer Senior University "Living science on Campus". These initiatives will contribute to better know Darwin's work among the rest of the participants.

Entry Rules

1. University students enrolled on adult education programs and, participating in II International Summer Senior University "Living science on Campus" are eligible to take part in this award.
2. All didactic proposals entered in the award must be related to Charles Darwin's work or to consequences of the dissemination of his thoughts.
3. This didactic initiative must be aimed at older people. Entries must be originals and written in English, Spanish or Catalan.

Didactic initiatives can be submitted in any form and must include a memory of the initiative on paper, containing:

- A slogan of the experience
- The objectives to be accomplished

In case of 3D entries, photographs of the work and a summary must be submitted.

4. The title page must show the name of the home university, name or names of the entrants and, in case of group works, the full name of the group's leader and a telephone number, an address and e-mail. A certificate must also be submitted, issued by each student's home university, declaring that they are enrolled there as university students.

5. The prize for the best entry will consist of several items related to Darwin's work.

Additionally, the winning initiative and a summary of the rest might be published in some currently available format (in book format, CD-ROM etc.)

They may also be shown on the web page of the UOM

6. The jury can decide not to award a prize.

7. Entry in the award automatically implies the transfer of the sole rights of reproduction and distribution of entries to the Open University for Seniors.

8. A Jury, composed by members of the Coordinating Committee and Organizing Committee of Darwin Year in the Balearic Island, will select the winning entry in accordance with criteria outlined in point 9.

9. The jury will mainly take into account the following criteria:

- The originality of the entry and its interest, in terms of its diffusion and pedagogical use.
- Other aspects determined by the jury, such as the presentation, chosen format and specificity of the work for dissemination among senior citizens.

10. The Jury's decision will be final.

11. The deadline for submission of entries is June 30th 2009.

12. Didactic initiatives must be addressed to:

Oficina per a Programes Universitaris de la UOM
Vicerectorat de Projectió Cultural-Edifici Sa Riera
C/ Miquel dels Sants Oliver,2
CP. 07122 Palma-Illes Balears

13. The prize-giving ceremony will be organized and announced by the University Programmes Department of the Open University for Seniors during the II International Summer Senior University

14. The Proposal requirements can be checked at www.uib.es/uom

15. Participation automatically implies acceptance of all these entry rules.