



International Ragweed Society

IRS GRANTS

The International Ragweed Society (IRS) is pleased to offer 6 grants to attend ICA2018 in Parma, Italy (3 oral presentations and 3 posters) for young ragweed researchers (up to 31 years of age). Only applicants with an accepted abstract can be granted. Applications are expected from researchers studying any aspect of Ragweed and must be or become members of IRS (fee 2016-2017: 50 € or 30€ if student; <http://www.alphavisa.com/esa/fees/membership-irs.php>).

Those who are awarded a grant will receive a contribution of 220 € for their participation to the "2-day ragweed package" (3rd-4th September of 2018).

The application deadline is February 19th, 2018.

The applications will be considered using the following criteria: the qualifications of the researcher, the importance of the proposed project and its likely contribution to the research on Ragweed.

Applications **should be made in writing and include:**

- a short CV outlining the applicant's qualifications and the current course of the study or employment,
- copy of the identity card, or passport or document of identification,
- copy of the IRS membership fee payment,
- the abstract of the oral presentation/poster,
- a brief description of how the grant would benefit the applicant's career and his/her contribution to the research on Ragweed,
- a brief supporting statement signed by the applicant's supervisor or employer.

To apply:

- The abstract and the above listed application documents must be sent to the IRS President (maira.bonini@alice.it) and to the IRS Secretary (michel.thibaudon@wanadoo.fr) with message title **IRS GRANTS**.

The abstract must be attached to the grant application, otherwise the grant application will not be considered.

The IRS Scientific Committee will select:

- the 3 best abstracts submitted for oral presentation, and
- the 3 best abstracts submitted for poster.

The selected applicants will be informed before the deadline for the early registration. They must pay in advance their registration fee before the **15 May 2018** ("Early registration") and will be reimbursed after their participation at the entire IRS certificated by a daily attestation.

Looking forward to receiving positive worldwide responses.

IRS President

Maira Bonini