



The UIS gives prizes for specific accomplishments at the International Congresses of Speleology (ICS) or during the period since the previous congress.

The UIS Prizes were introduced at the 12th ICS in La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland, held in August 1997.

These prizes are non-competitive and not related to the cartographic, photographic, athletic, or other competitions at the congresses. More than one prize may be given for a category, but no prize is necessarily awarded.

For the UIS Prizes 2017, four categories are considered:

4.a – The most significant discovery/exploration

The UIS Bureau reserves the right to nominate additional discoveries for this prize, which is judged by a committee of international speleologists familiar with exploration throughout the World.

If more than one discovery or exploration is outstanding enough, Honorable Mentions can be awarded.

4.b – The most significant publication about caves or a karst-related topic

Scientific and/or technical publications will be considered for this prize.

4.c – Special Book

Prize for books that are important speleological publications.

4.d – Poster Prize

This prize is for the best poster displayed at the ICS, divided in two categories as follow:

- **Best Scientific Poster** – Judged by a Scientific Committee composed of international experts.
- **Caver's Prize** – The best poster in the opinion of the visitors to the poster display.

The poster can be about any cave or related to any karst-related topic. Entries in the cave photographic and surveying competitions are ineligible for this prize.

No poster should exceed 2 m (height) x 1 m (width). Each poster should contain a concise title, as well as the name, institutional affiliation and address of the author(s). It should include information about the materials and methods used, the results obtained (even if preliminary), and the conclusions reached. The poster may contain photos, figures, tables and maps. Authors must be present at the congress to discuss their work with the other participants.

France Habe Prize

This prize was introduced by the **Department of Karst and Cave Protection** in 2012.

It is organized annually and has its own rules, available on the UIS site:

http://uis-speleo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=79&Itemid=383.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2017

We encourage that nominations (except Poster Prize category) be sent by May 31st, 2017.

1 – Nominations for the prize for “**The most significant discovery/exploration**” (4.a) should be sent to the Chairman of the UIS Prizes Committee at the email address uisprizes2017@uis-speleo.org.

Please include the information below:

Responsible for the nomination: *full name and contact address.*

Brief Description of the discovery/exploration:

Location:

Author(s):

Mention in publication(s):



2 – Nominations for the prizes for “**The most significant publication about caves or a karst-related topic**” (4.b) and the “**Special Book**” (4.c) should be sent to the Chairman of the UIS Prizes Committee and include the information below:

Responsible for the nomination: *full name and contact address*

Title of the book:

Author(s) or editor:

Brief Description:

Publisher:

Date of publication:

Language (s):

Information about printing: Color, paper, size, number of pages, etc.

Site of digital version, if available:

ATTENTION: In addition to nomination via internet, we request that a copy of the printed book be sent to the following address:

Attn

Dr Julia M. James,

41 Northwood Street, Camperdown

NSW 2050

Australia

The author(s) agree that the books received be exhibited during the 17th ICS and after the event be sent to the UIS Library in La Chaux-des-Fonds, Switzerland.

3 – For the “**Poster Prize**” (4.d) we will not have nominations but only judgment by a Scientific Committee composed of international experts (**Best Scientific Poster**) and votes by the visitors of the 17th ICS (**Caver’s Prize**).

RECOGNITION

The main recognition that will be delivered to the winners is a certificate. Any other different one will be decided by the UIS Prizes Committee together the UIS Bureau (e.g. medal, plate, funds).

PRESENTATION

The presentation of the UIS Prizes 2017 will be on Saturday 29th July during the closing banquet of the 17th ICS, in Sydney, Australia. The ceremony will be illustrated by a presentation of slides of the winners and will be led by the outgoing UIS President.

UIS Prizes 2017 Committee

Nivaldo Colzato (*Chairman, UIS Adjunct Secretary, Brazil*)

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