

“Giuseppe Pellizzi Prize 2026” - VI Edition

NOTICE

1. Announcement

The “*Club of Bologna*” and the “*Accademia dei Georgofili*” announce the “**Giuseppe Pellizzi Prize 2026**” (V Edition), international competition reserved to PhD Theses related to the topic of Farm Machinery and Mechanization.

The prize is awarded every two years, to coincide with the exhibition EIMA International held in Bologna (Italy).

Each applicant must be presented by a Full Member of the “*Club of Bologna*”, acting as Tutor.

The Management Committee of *Club of Bologna* with the support of a representative of the “*Accademia dei Georgofili*” will assess the works presented and will select the **three best PhD Theses**.

One of the three best PhD theses will be selected among applicants based in **low-income Countries** as determined by the World Bank (<https://data.worldbank.org/income-level/low-income>). If there are no applications based in low-income Countries, this dedicated prize will still be awarded among the participants.

The winners will receive a **cash prize** of:

- **1200 Euro**, the first place
- **800 Euro**, the second place
- **500 Euro**, the third place.

In addition, the three “Giuseppe Pellizzi Prize” winners will:

- be invited at EIMA International 2026 (Bologna, Italy) and hosted by FEDERUNACOMA who will offer travelling expenses as well as hotel accommodation (2 nights) in Bologna
- present a short lecture – in English language - on the results of their PhD Thesis during the “**Giuseppe Pellizzi Prize 2026 Award Ceremony**”, held during the 35th *Club of Bologna Members’ Meeting*
- be invited to attend the *Club of Bologna* Full Members Meetings for a period of five years (from 2026 to 2030); they will travel at their own expenses while FEDERUNACOMA will support hotel accommodation costs as a “*Club of Bologna*” Full Member.

2. Requirements

Applications for selection are invited from EU and non-EU citizens who have achieved a Doctorate with specific reference to the sector of “**Agricultural Machinery and Mechanization**” under the following specific headings:

1. *Tractors and Engines*
2. *Agricultural Machines and Mechanization*
3. *Components and Materials*
4. *Automation and Electronics*

To be eligible the applicants must:

- be born: after **December 31, 1992**

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- have discussed and officially obtained the PhD title: in the period **January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026**
- send the application (deadline): by midnight of **April 30, 2026**

3. Application submission and deadline

The application should be submitted exclusively by e-mail to the “Club of Bologna” Secretary General (Prof. Marco Fiala; marco.fiala@unimi.it) attaching:

- **Application Demand** [Form A; .docx file], filled in all its parts, signed by the applicant, and provided with the following additional documents:
 - a) **PhD Degree Certificate** [.pdf file] (at deadline the PhD title must be already obtained and officially certificated)
 - b) **Applicant’s Curriculum Vitae** [Form C; .pdf file]
 - c) **Tutor’s Applicant Introduction** [Form D; .pdf file]
 - d) **Data Release Waiver** [Form E; .pdf file]
 - e) **PhD Thesis Extended Abstract** [Form F; .pdf file].

The Application Form and all the above listed documents can be download from the “Club of Bologna” web site <http://www.clubofbologna.org> and must be written in English and e-mailed in the required file format.

4. Admission and selection

Members of the “Club of Bologna” Management Committee will select the “**Giuseppe Pellizzi Prize 2026**” winners among the admitted applicants.

The benchmarks taken into account for the PhD Thesis selection are the following:

1. Thesis subject must focus on one of the following topics:
 - 1.1 *Tractors and Engines*
 - 1.2 *Agricultural Machines and Mechanization*
 - 1.3 *Components and Materials*
 - 1.4 *Automation and Electronics*
2. level of originality and innovation, compared to the present technologies
3. real possibility to transfer the innovation into the market
4. resulting benefits for agriculture and farmers.

Results will be uploaded to the web site <http://www.clubofbologna.org> by **June 30, 2026**.

Under penalty of exclusion, the “**Giuseppe Pellizzi Prize 2026**” winners must accept the award by **July 20, 2026** sending an email both to:

- “Club of Bologna” **Administrative Secretariat** (Patrizia Menicucci, ufficio.stampa@federunacoma.it), and
- “Club of Bologna” **Secretary General** (Prof. Marco Fiala, marco.fiala@unimi.it).

5. Information and publicity of the notice

The present notice will be uploaded on the “Club of Bologna” web site (<http://www.clubofbologna.org>), sent to club’s Members, and diffused on special press and association websites.

Approved by Management Committee Meeting, Bari, October 10, 2025

*Marco Fiala - Secretary General of the “Club of Bologna”
November 30, 2025*

