

## **Statues for the Ulrich-Babel-Award**

The German Soil Science Society (DBG) awards the *Ulrich – Babel – Award* to young and talented scientific researchers for their outstanding doctoral thesis in the field of imaging techniques.

The prize is awarded every 2 years and consists of a certificate along with one thousand five hundred Euros. The prize will be awarded by the President of the DBG at an appropriate event which will be announced in the DBG Newsletter as well as on the DBG Homepage.

### **§ 2**

As defined by its founders, the field of imaging techniques can be understood as the scientific application of light- and electron-optical methods, from microscopy to satellite-based remote sensing, as long as the measured values can be brought within a spatial reference for undisturbed soil.

### **§ 3**

The presenting of the award will be administered by the President of the DBG at an appropriate ceremony for the event. The winner is to give a public speech on his/her work during the ceremony. The prize may be shared if the work was created in close cooperation with other scientists.

### **§ 4**

Proposals for the awarding of the prize may be submitted by DBG members to the President of the DBG. The application must be received in writing along with four copies of the thesis or publication by 1 April. Documents enclosed with the application shall include a detailed justification and scientific assessment, the list of publications and a detailed curriculum vitae of the candidate. In coordination with the responsible chairman/chairwoman of the Commission, the President of the DBG selects three evaluators from the members of the German Soil Science Society. The report shall be prepared within 20 weeks. In the event that an evaluator is unable to submit the evaluation or observe the given time frame, a new evaluator is to be appointed.

### **§ 5**

The President shall submit a drafted decision to the Extended Board of the DBG during one of the upcoming meetings in early November. If more applications are received, the extended board decides on the basis of scientific criteria (originality, advancement of knowledge, form of presentation, informative value, and educational value) and on the importance of the work. The decision must be made by the Extended Board unanimously. In the event of equal evaluation results for several candidates, preference is given to the youngest scientist.

## **§ 6**

The recipient will be informed in written form by the President of the DBG about the decision and the binding commitment to give a speech or presentation on the occasion of the next suitable DBG event. The members of the DBG will be advised in an appropriate way about this lecture or presentation.

## **§ 7**

In the event that no application is accepted, there is no obligation to award the prize (and the funds) additionally in the following years.