



CALL FOR SIBECOL GRANTS

FOR THE REGISTRATION TO THE IX INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MARINE SCIENCES (ISMS)

1. Introduction

The Iberian Society of Ecology (SIBECOL) aims to promote the multidisciplinary nature of the study of natural systems, and to disseminate the values of Ecology and sustainability, promoting training activities and dissemination of advances in Ecology.

The purpose of this call is to support SIBECOL members who are in the early stages of their scientific career (up to 5 years after their thesis defense) by facilitating their attendance to the **IX International Symposium on Marine Sciences** (<https://ismsvalencia.es/>), which will take place in **Valencia from 10th to 12th of July 2024**.

2. Objective

The participation in scientific events is among the research support and dissemination activities carried out by SIBECOL, allocating specific funds for this purpose. The aim is to increase the impact of these events and promote the scientific activity of researchers in early stages of their career in the field of Ecology.

With this purpose, SIBECOL announces **5 grants** to encourage the attendance and participation of young researchers in the **IX International Symposium on Marine Sciences**.

3. Applicant requirements

Those who meet the following requirements at the time of application are eligible to apply for this grant:

- Belong to SIBECOL or to the affiliated societies (AIL, AEET, SPECO and SEEEE) and are up to date with the payment of the 2024 membership fee as of April 15, 2024. Those who are not yet members of SIBECOL will also be able to benefit from these **grants** if they register and formalize the payment before

April 15, 2024 through the SIBECOL website
(<http://www.sibecol.org/forms/haztesociosibecol>).

- Be a student (Bachelor's, Master's or PhD) during the 2023-2024 academic year or have completed the doctoral thesis after **April 15, 2019**.
- Participate as the first author in at least one communication in the IX International Symposium on Marine Sciences in the field of Marine Ecology.
- Not having any other type of help for this same concept.

4. Amount and payment

The grant consists of the payment of the registration fee, either in the student or professional modality.

Those selected as beneficiaries will receive the registration fee upon presentation of proof of payment, provided that they are up to date with the payment of the 2024 membership fee on the date of the request and before **April 15, 2024**.

5. How to apply

The application period will begin on **March 15, 2024**.

5.1. Form of presentation

To apply for the grant, those interested should send an e-mail with the subject "IX ISMS grants _name and surname" to secretariat@sibecol.org, indicating their interest in the grant before **23:59 hours (Madrid time) on April 15, 2024**. The SIBECOL secretariat will send the notification of the grant to the those who request it, up to a maximum of 5 following the criteria described in point 6.

5.2 Documents

Together with the e-mail addressed to secretariat@sibecol.org, with the subject ""IX ISMS grants _name and surname" the following documentation shall be attached in separate files, in PDF format and with the following nomenclature (name and surname _name of the document):

- O Copy of ID or Passport of the applicant.
- O Proof of payment of SIBECOL (or of any of the affiliated societies) membership for the year 2024.
- O The abstract of the communication to be presented at the conference, according to the guidelines provided by the conference website <https://ismsvalencia.es/comunicaciones/>.

- Document with a declaration of not having received any other financial aid for the same concept as that of the present call, in free-format.

6. Evaluation of applications and resolution

A committee of 3 members of the Board of Directors of SIBECOL will verify that the data and documents provided are valid and comply with the requirements established in point 3 of this call. The date of the final decision will be April 23, 2024, and the result will be communicated to the applicants via e-mail.

The selection will be made in strict order of receipt of the application, as long as all the established requirements are met.

Obligations of the beneficiaries

- Participate as the first author in at least one communication in the IX International Symposium on Marine Sciences in the field of Marine Ecology.
- Include the SIBECOL logo in your communication at the Congress (this logo will be provided by SIBECOL secretary if you are selected as a beneficiary of this aid).

March 7th, 2024