

# The Kostas Nittis Medal

## Purpose of the award

In 2015, EuroGOOS established the Kostas Nittis Medal in the memory of EuroGOOS Secretary General and strategic leader Dr. Kostas Nittis (1964-2014). The Kostas Nittis Medal is accompanied by a grant and awarded to a young marine professional within the operational oceanography and broader ocean observing community.

The Kostas Nittis Medal and the grant amounting to € 3,000 aim to support the participation of young researchers and marine professionals in relevant conferences and events. The awardee is thus given a chance to present their research or technology at relevant events, building a professional network, gaining real life experience and reaching out to potential partners and/or employers.

## Call and nomination process

The call is open to marine researchers or professionals according to the following criteria:

- Candidate must be younger than 35 years old on the day of the nominations deadline\*;
- Candidate will have made a significant contribution to operational oceanography (technology, research, software, product/service) which is described and documented;
- Candidate nominations must come from the current EuroGOOS members (<http://eurogoos.eu/>).

\* For female candidates with children, age limit criteria is automatically extended by one year per child. For male candidates with children, the limits can be extended by the actual time taken off as paternity leave or - if their partner is working at least 80% FTE - by 1.5 months per child, whichever is longer. Severe illness and extended military service are considered as exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis. If you feel the circumstances warrant an extension of the eligibility periods for your candidate, please contact the EuroGOOS office for advice before submitting the nomination.

## Evaluation

Nominations are evaluated by the EuroGOOS Executive Board who will act in a personal capacity regardless of their institutional affiliation.

## Award ceremony

The medal is awarded at a high-level pan-European event in ocean science, technology and/or policy, e.g. the European Maritime Day, or at the EuroGOOS General Assembly.

Payment of the grant is made within one month after the award to the bank account indicated by the winner.

## Winner's obligations

The winner is obliged to use the award grant to attend relevant events and conferences and deliver presentations and/or posters, as well as report on the use of funds and the usefulness (impact) of those activities. The following documents are to be submitted to the EuroGOOS Office:

- Two reports, mid-term and final including:
  - Abstracts of presentations and/or posters delivered;
  - Feedback on the impact of the grant outlining its effect on the winner's research/visibility/potential opportunities. Have new work or network connections emerged? Has the winner's understanding of the landscape changed? Have any funding opportunities emerged? Have the events/conferences attended contributed to the winner's knowledge or work practices?
- By accepting the award, the winner will accept that EuroGOOS will publicize the award and the winner's pictures may be released online and in EuroGOOS dissemination materials.

## Further information

The EuroGOOS Office is coordinating the award; all queries should be addressed at:

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