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Public contest of merits to grant a prize for the Best Doctoral Thesis on a Sevillian Theme

The purposes of the Fundación Fondo de Cultura of Seville include promoting culture in its diverse expressions, with a special focus on conserving, disseminating and developing the historical and cultural heritage of Seville and its Latin American projection.

In fulfilment of these purposes, the Foundation convenes a public contest of merits to grant a prize for the best doctoral thesis on an artistic, historical, literary, scientific or technical topic related to Seville.

Conditions

One.- The Foundation hereby establishes a prize for the best doctoral thesis on an artistic, historical, literary, scientific or technical topic related to Seville, read during academic year 2007-2008, with a purse of 3,000.00 euros.

Two.- Only the author of this thesis may apply for this prize. The application should be addressed to the Board of the Focus-Abengoa Foundation, Plaza de los Venerables, 8, 41004 Seville. The application must be received no later than 15th October 2008.

The application must include a copy of the thesis along with a report in which the author outlines the merits that make the thesis worthy of the prize. The author shall also state whether the thesis has been submitted to other contests or convocations, and if applicable, s/he shall list any prizes or grants won by the thesis. The application must also include the date the thesis was read and the mark earned.

The application must explicitly authorise the Foundation to include a copy of the prize-winning thesis in its library and to publish it, should the Board of the Foundation decide to do so upon granting the prize.

The authors of the theses that did not win the prize may collect their works at the Foundation's headquarters, Plaza de los Venerables, 8, Seville, during working hours (10 am to 2 pm and 4 to 8 pm) between 1st January 2009 and 31st March 2009. Theses that have not been collected after the latter date will become part of the Foundation's library collection.

Three.- The Board of the Foundation shall appoint a jury. The names of its members shall not be made public until its judgement has been handed down.

The jury shall submit its proposals to the Board by 1st December 2008. The Board, in turn, shall make the final decision as to the prize-winner by 15th December 2008.

The decision handed down may declare the prize null and void, if the Board so wishes.

Four.- Submission of the application to participate in this contest implies acceptance of these conditions and the decision of the Board, which may not be appealed.

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