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Applications are open from 15 December 2024  
to 18 February 2025 until 11.59 pm.



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SYVA Laboratories S.A., in agreement with the University of León and with the aim of encouraging the scientific training of university students in the field of Animal Health, has organised every year since 1997 the SYVA LABORATORIES AWARD FOR THE BEST DOCTORAL THESIS IN ANIMAL HEALTH, awarded to the best Doctoral Thesis work carried out on any aspect of Animal Health, and specifically designed on Microbiology, Immunology, Infectious Diseases or Parasitic Diseases of animals.

This is a unique prize in its kind, both in terms of the financial value of the prize and the prestige it has gained thanks to the excellent quality of the Doctoral Theses awarded in previous editions and the level of excellence provided by the members of the qualifying panels.

For the 2025 Edition, **the deadline for submission of documentation begins on 15 December 2024 and ends on 18 February 2025**. All Doctoral Theses defended during the academic years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 will be eligible. Below are the rules detailing the aspects of interest for new PHD doctors who wish to apply.

## RULES

- 1** An INTERNATIONAL AWARD of SYVA Laboratories S.A. is established for the best Doctoral Thesis in the field of Animal Health, carried out and defended in any European country, as well as in the countries in which SYVA is represented through its subsidiaries and distributors.
- 2** The prize is awarded annually. In this call, corresponding to the year 2025, Doctoral Theses defended between 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2024 may be submitted. Doctoral theses defended before 30 September 2023 and already submitted for the 2024 call will not be eligible for the award.
- 3** The prize will be worth €18,000, provided in full by SYVA Laboratories.
- 4** Up to two runners-up prizes may be awarded with an independent financial award of €3,500, also provided by SYVA Laboratories.
- 5** The prize may be declared void and accumulated in the following year, albeit independently (two prizes), and so on. The prize is unique and indivisible.
- 6** All Doctoral Theses defended in the geographical area defined in Annex 1 and carried out within the field of Animal Health, coinciding with the operating profile of SYVA Laboratories, including works on Microbiology, Immunology, Infectious Diseases or Parasitic Diseases of animals, may compete for the prize. As a prerequisite, the work must have originated at least two publications referenced in the Journal of Citation Report, or equivalent, in which the first author coincides with the author of the thesis.

Applications must be submitted in electronic format via the website that SYVA Laboratories will set up for this purpose (<https://award.syva.es>), where candidates will be able to find a model form from 15 December 2024 onwards to facilitate the collection of data and the submission of documentation. The required documentation is summarised below:

- a) Section one: personal data. Applicants must enter their national identification number and fill in the mandatory fields. They must also upload a complete copy of their personal identity documents in PDF format.
- b) Section two: Doctoral Thesis. Candidates must provide a copy of the final version of the thesis in PDF format. In the case of Doctoral Theses not written in Spanish or English, it will be necessary to submit in Spanish or English the Introduction, the Approach and Objectives, the Conclusions, and a summary (2-3 pages) of the rest of the chapters that make up the Doctoral Thesis. Candidates must also indicate in this section the full title of the Doctoral Thesis and the name of its directors, as well as the full name and address of the university where the Thesis was defended. They must also state the grade obtained and the exact date of the defence, as well as downloading a PDF copy of the official document that accredits this information. This section must also include a summary of the main lines of research of the research group in which the thesis was carried out.
- c) Section three: scientific production derived from the Doctoral Thesis. The candidate must provide a list of the scientific works originating from the Thesis and published in referenced journals, including the order of authors. Likewise, other publications such as communications to national or international conferences, symposiums, seminars, books or book chapters and patents derived from the Thesis will also be listed. Each publication must be referenced, and the relevant documents must be provided.
- d) Section four: prizes and distinctions. The candidate may mention and accredit the prizes, distinctions and awards obtained for his/her doctoral thesis work.
- e) Data protection. Candidates must accept the data protection regulations in force in the European Union, to which SYVA Laboratories legally adheres.

In order to be validated, the application must include all the correct and verifiable data mentioned above and must have been sent through the specified website before the date and time indicated as the end of the deadline, taking into account the time difference that may exist. The time and date of registration of the data will be reflected in the confirmation email that the applicant, SYVA Laboratories and the Rectorate of the University of León will receive.

**7** The selection board will be appointed by the University of León, following a proposal by the Joint Commission of the University of León and SYVA Laboratories S.A., and will be made up of five members. A professor of Animal Health at the University of León will act as chairman, and the person appointed by SYVA Laboratories S.A. will act as secretary. The three members will also be appointed from among the professors of Animal Health at the other Faculties of Veterinary Medicine in Spain, and up to two of them may also be appointed from among professors of Animal Health or their equivalent, linked to other universities in the European Union. The election of the members of the selection board and their substitutes will be carried out in accordance with the system approved by the Governing Council of the University of León. The members of the panel may not have supervised or co-supervised any of the doctoral theses submitted for the award; in the event of this circumstance, the member of the panel will be replaced by his or her alternate. In the case of both the chairman of the panel and the members of the panel, it will always be understood that they are linked to the corresponding university in active service and full-time dedication, excluding those professors who do not meet this requirement. SYVA Laboratories S.A. may optionally propose the third of these members to the Joint University of León - SYVA Laboratories S.A. Commission. For this purpose, the proposal will designate a scientist of recognised prestige in the field of Animal Health at national or international level. The international members proposed must have a good capacity for understanding and expressing themselves in Spanish or English. In no case may the panel be composed of less than four members.

**8** The decision of the examining board will be final and will be based on a reasoned judgement of the basic, fundamental, and applied value of the Doctoral Thesis work, also considering its originality, repercussion in the scientific field and contribution to the knowledge, prevention and control of transmissible animal diseases. The assessment of the Doctoral Thesis itself will have a relative value of 75% and the scientific production directly derived from the Doctoral Thesis 25%.

**9** In this call, the resolution of the winning Doctoral Thesis will be made public before 14 April 2025.

**10** The award will be presented in a solemn ceremony, on the date on which the University of León celebrates the feast of its Patron Saint, San Isidoro de Sevilla. SYVA Laboratories S.A. may organise a specific and independent public event, complementary to the previous one.

### **PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA**

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The purposes for which SYVA LABORATORIES will process the data are as follows:

- a) To manage the SYVA Award in the terms set out in the regulatory bases of the same. The legal basis justifying this processing is the participant's contract of adhesion to the same.
- b) Promote and disseminate the SYVA Award, for which it is possible that images of the winning participants may be used, through the Internet, social networks, media, and others that the company deems appropriate.

#### **Conservation periods**

The data will be kept for the time necessary to fulfil the purposes for which they were collected and to determine any possible liabilities that may arise from them and from the processing of the data.

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In the case of winning participants, SYVA LABORATORIES may publish their identification details (name and surname) and title or position as well as their image on the internet, social networks, media or any other medium it deems appropriate, provided that they have given their express consent.

Finally, it is possible that the members of the Jury, those in charge of reviewing the works and selecting the winner, as well as the technological suppliers contracted for the maintenance of the software and hardware in which the data is stored and companies of the SYVA Group that provide administrative support services, may have access to them. The corresponding contracts have been signed with all of them with the guarantees required by the RGPD. Participants may request further details regarding the recipients of the data by sending an email to [data.protection@syva.es](mailto:data.protection@syva.es).

#### **Rights**

Participants may exercise their rights of access, rectification, deletion, opposition, limitation of processing and portability of their personal data by writing to the above postal address or to [data.protection@syva.es](mailto:data.protection@syva.es).

Participants who so wish will also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Spanish Data Protection Agency ([www.aepd.es](http://www.aepd.es)) if they consider that a breach of data protection legislation has been committed with regard to the processing of their personal data.

**ANNEX 1**

List of countries in which the theses submitted for the 28th edition of the SYVA LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR THE BEST DOCTORAL THESIS IN ANIMAL HEALTH may have been defended.

AFGHANISTAN	EGYPT	JAPAN	CZECH REPUBLIC
ALBANIA	ARAB EMIRATES	JORDAN	ROMANIA
GERMANY	SLOVAKIA	KUWAIT	RUSSIA
SAUDI ARABIA	SPAIN	LATVIA	SERBIA
ALGERIA	ESTONIA	LEBANON	SYRIA
AUSTRIA	PHILIPPINES	LIBYA	SUDAN
AZERBAIJAN	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	SWEDEN
BANGLADESH	FRANCE	LUXEMBOURG	SWITZERLAND
BELGIUM	GEORGIA	MACEDONIA	THAILAND
BULGARIA	GREECE	MALTA	TAIWAN
CHILE	HOLLAND	MOROCCO	TUNISIA
CYPRUS	HUNGARY	MEXICO	TURKEY
SOUTH KOREA	INDONESIA	NORWAY	UKRAINE
COSTA RICA	IRAN	PAKISTAN	URUGUAY
CROATIA	IRELAND	POLAND	VIETNAM
ECUADOR	ISRAEL	PORTUGAL	
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