

Approved by the Governing Board in the meeting of June 29th, 2018

Art.1: After an assessment of all applications (files), ABR confers the following yearly awards:

- **"Ioan Bianu" Award** - to a member of the association within the National Libraries Division;
- **"V.A. Urechia" Award** - to a member of the association within the Public Libraries Division;
- **"Ioachim Crăciun" Award** - to a member of the association within the Division of University;
- **"Spiru Haret" Award** - to a member of the association within the School Libraries Division;
- **"Constantin Hamangiu" Award** – to a member of the association's Specialized Libraries Division;
- **"Dan Simonescu" Award** - to a student in the Information and Documentation Science specialty - Topic: Social perception of the librarian profession
- Other honorary awards or pecuniary prizes sponsored by various partners.

Deadline for applications: 15 days before the conference's opening day.

Art.2: Applicants must be librarians, members of the Romanian Library Association, who:

2.1: Excelled at different activities carried out in/ for the association during the last 4 years (this does not apply to "Dan Simonescu" award)

2.2: Excel in their professional or scientific activities (by making presentations regarding the library and information science field during professional meetings, or by writing articles or scientific papers, conducting projects in the field etc.).

Art.3: During their mandates, the managers of the association's central bodies – members of the Governing Board, of the divisions' coordinating offices, as well as the presidents of the association's sections – are not allowed to apply for ABR awards.

Art.4: In order to apply for one of the awards, the eligible candidates shall first register by filling in the registration form (see the Annex). The form shall be signed by the applicant and countersigned by the manager of the supervisory institution/ and/or the president of one of ABR's branches.

Art.5: The application for one of the awards shall be made in person at the ABR secretariat or at the address indicated on the ABR's national conference website (by the ABR branch which organizes the conference), by a certain date, specified and announced each year by the Governing Board.

Art.6: The candidates shall be assessed based on the general criteria, as well as on specific criteria for each library type, by a panel designated and approved by the ABR Governing Board. Specific criteria for each library type shall be set out in further detail based on the general criteria and shall act as a regulation for conferring the awards for each library type.

GENERAL CRITERIA	MAXIMUM SCORE
a) Professional training (education in the field, training classes, advanced training classes)	15 points
b) Scientific work (published papers, presented papers, participating in research projects etc.)	40 points
c) The level of involvement in their professional activity	15 points
d) Activities carried out for ABR	30 points
TOTAL	100 points

Art.7: The awards shall be conferred by a member of the ABR Governing Board, based on the final score of the candidates, after the members of the panel for each ABR award have analyzed the application files.

7.1: The panels which analyze the application files shall each consist of a president and two members; the president of the panel is the president of the division corresponding to the type of library for which the candidate applied.

Art.8: “Dan Simonescu” award shall be conferred to a student enrolled in an Information and Research Science Faculty.

8.1: In order to apply for “Dan Simonescu” award, students shall submit a paper in the Information Science field, on a subject approved by the Governing Board. Also, candidates shall submit a recommendation letter signed by a member of the faculty’s teaching staff, excluding the members of the panel in charge with analyzing the application. The application file shall also comprise an activity report. The file shall be analyzed by 3 (three) teaching staff members of an Information Science faculty (a president and two members), assigned to this panel during the previous meeting of the Governing Board.

Art.9: During the ABR National Conference there can be conferred various types of diplomas, for: excellence, loyalty, assisting in organizing the ABR National Conference, and other types of diplomas proposed and approved by the association’s Governing Board.

Art.10: The pecuniary prizes sponsored by various partners are meant to recognize the value of certain professionals and shall be awarded after the panel shall consult the sponsor. In the event of a tie, the president of the ABR shall be the one to decide the winner.

* During the meeting held in September 2018, the Governing Board decided that “Constantin Hamangiu” Award would merge with “Ioachim Crăciun” Award and it would be conferred to a member of the University and Specialized Libraries division.