

INTERNATIONAL PRIZE ROTARY CLUB PARMA “GIUSEPPE VERDI” NOTICE OF THE XXI COMPETITION, YEAR 2026

- 1.** The Rotary Club Parma, in agreement with the Istituto Nazionale di Studi Verdiani (INSV), is glad to announce the XXI International Prize Rotary Club Parma “Giuseppe Verdi”, to be granted to an Italian or international scholar, for the development and completion of a research project, chiefly in the field of musicology, and concerning the life and works of Giuseppe Verdi set in their historical and cultural context. The main outcome of the research project will be the presentation of an original and unpublished monograph, which will be published in the INSV’s specialized series, in accordance to the schedule and the procedures established by the same INSV in agreement with Rotary Club Parma.
- 2.** The prize, under the conditions here under detailed, consists in: the duly publicized title of winner of the International Prize Rotary Club Parma “Giuseppe Verdi” 2026; the publication of the final monograph as part of the series “Rotary Club Parma” edited by the INSV; the amount of euro 8.000,00 (eight thousand/00) inclusive of legal deductions, as compensation for the author rights transferred to the INSV.
- 3.** Applicants are required to submit a research proposal and their scientific CV. As well as describing the nature and structure of the research project, the candidate must indicate what material is needed for the completion of the project, and an estimate of the size of the volume to be published, including any musical examples and illustrations. The application, sent by post or email, must be submitted to the Istituto Nazionale di Studi Verdiani, Piazzale San Francesco n. 1, cap 43121 Parma, or to email address segreteria@studiverdiani.it by **September 20th, 2026**. The INSV and the Rotary Club Parma will communicate the chosen project by **November 15th , 2026**.
- 4.** The Board of Examiners assessing the research proposals will be chaired by the Scientific Director of the INSV, and composed of six members, three of whom appointed by the Rotary Club Parma, with the remaining two, besides the Scientific Director, appointed by the INSV. The Board of Examiners is in charge of the selection of the project and of the winner’s proclamation as well as to follow the research’s progress and conclusion.
In order to judge the proposals the Board will value, in order of relevance:
 - the proposal’s originality
 - the project’s feasibility within the chronological deadline imposed by the Prize proclamation
 - the proponent’s scientific qualification

5. The research will be carried out over a period of three years. At the end of the first and second year, the nominee is required to submit a detailed report of their research up to that stage. The completed monograph, ready for publication, must be submitted to the Board of Examiners at the end of the third year, no later than **November 15th, 2029**. Once approved, it will be published by the INSV in its series “Premio Rotary Club”.

Should the nominee not submit the required report at the end of the first or of the second year, or not receive the Commission’s approval of one of said reports, or not deliver the monograph within the stipulated deadline, or not receive the Commission’s approval for publication of the same in the “Premio Rotary Club” series, he/her will not be entitled to call himself/herself “winner” of the International Prize Rotary Club Parma “Giuseppe Verdi” 2026, nor will be entitled to what stipulated in point 2.

The monograph’s text to be published should be written following the editorial guidelines supplied by INSV and be ready to print. Extensions may be granted or justified reasons at the sole discretion of the Board of Examiners.

The nominee must provide INSV with copy of any documentary material autonomously acquired during the research project’s time. It is stipulated that notwithstanding and without prejudice to possible third parties ownership and copyright rights, such material shall become INSV property, and as such INSV shall be free to use it, even in separate form, according its own needs. It is also stated that the results of the research to be published in the INSV “Premio Rotary Club”’s series shall be INSV exclusive editorial ownership, entitling INSV to the full copyright of same.

The Commission shall have controlling and assistance functions, in order to help the Nominee in carrying out the aforementioned research as well as to guarantee the deadline fulfillment and the publication’s scientific quality.

6. The Prize winner, after the monograph’s publication as stated in article 5, will receive the amount of Euro 8.000,00 (eight thousand/00) as compensation for the said monograph’s copyright transfer at INSV. The Prize winner will not be entitled to ask for any advance of said amount.