

## **Regulations of the Justus Lipsius Award 2008**

In 2000, IAMAM, predecessor of the International Committee of Museums and Collections of Arms and Military History (ICOMAM), created a special award, designed to stimulate studies in the fields covered by ICOMAM. The prize is called the *Justus Lipsius Award* referring to Justus Lipsius, the famous humanist, philologist, legislator and noteworthy antiquarian active in the Netherlands during the 16th century who published on various military subjects. The Justus Lipsius Award will distinguish outstanding contributions on subjects such as arms, artillery, armaments (land, sea and air), military uniforms and equipment, flags, emblems, military music, fortification and museology pertaining to the above mentioned fields but excluding theoretical military history. The prize money for this triennial award consists of a sum of 2,000 Euros.

For this purpose, a competition for the best newly published or unpublished scholarly study in the above-mentioned fields will be held during every three-year period. This competition is open to all. Studies already published before the three-year period, in the present case before 2005, cannot compete.

The studies must be written in or translated into one of the official ICOMAM languages i.e. English or French. Other languages are also allowed, provided the texts are accompanied by a substantial abstract in either English or French. The author will submit two copies of the study, typewritten or in electronic format, or two copies of the published version. For the typewritten and electronic formats, at least one set of the original photographic illustrations is to be added; a set of xerox prints is allowed for the other copy. The study should range around at least 20,000 words.

Additional information can be obtained from, and submissions for the competition must be sent to: The Secretary of the Justus Lipsius Award, Mrs Eveline Sint Nicolaas, c/o Rijksmuseum, P.O. Box 74888, NL-1070 DN Amsterdam, Netherlands; e-mail: [e.sintnicolaas@rijksmuseum.nl](mailto:e.sintnicolaas@rijksmuseum.nl); fax: ++31-20-6747001), before February 1st, 2008. Submissions received after this date will not be considered.

The prize will be granted by a jury, nominated by ICOMAM. The ICOMAM Executive Board can decide to open the jury to outside experts. The jury reserves the

right not to grant the award should the studies submitted prove to be irrelevant to the above mentioned field or of insufficient quality. The jury will judge the submitted studies on their quality and the contribution they represent to the knowledge of ICOMAM related subjects. No correspondence and no discussion on the decisions of the jury will be allowed.

The winner will be announced during the next ICOMAM meeting after the submission date, which will be in Brazil in 2008. He or she will retain full credit for and ownership of the study if it is still unpublished at that stage.<sup>1</sup>

Former winners of the JLA:

**2002:** Walter J. Karcheski Jr and Thom Richardson (*The Medieval Armour from Rhodes* [2000]) **and:** J.P. Puype and R.J. de Stürler Boekwijt (*Klewang : catalogue of the Dutch Army Museum* [2001])

**2005:** S. James Gooding (*Trade Guns of the Hudson's Bay Company 1690-1970* [2003]) **and:** José-A. Godoy and Silvio Leydi (*Parures Triomphales : le maniérisme dans l'art de l'armure italienne* [2003])

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<sup>1</sup> The regulations are subject to change.