



Year 2008 Alberto Vittone Award

SIBB (Società Italiana Bovaro del Bernese) created an annual award in the memory of Alberto Vittone, friend and President of the Society deceased in July 2006.

The purpose of this award is to financially support studies regarding the most common pathologies found in Bernese Mountain dogs. Thus stimulating scientific research in diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive activities concerning such pathologies.

All people that, in the period taken into consideration for awarding the prize, will start or develop a scientific research project concerning the health of this breed, are entitled to apply for the award.

Applicants, such as Universities, Boards, Bernese Mountain Dog Societies and Clubs, private associations, individuals, should submit their application for the award providing the following documentation for their research project :

- Curriculum vitae,
- Purpose of the research,
- Scientific program,
- Length of the study and development on the time of the planning work,
- Application form .

For the year 2008, applications (in paper and PC word form in English language) should be sent to the SIBB secretary's offices no later than 31st August 2008.



The submitted projects will be evaluated by an International Commission composed of: 3 SIBB board members: Antonio Indrizzi SIBB's vicepresident, Simona Lissoni SIBB's Secretary, Dr.Med.Vet. Agnese Accattino.

The President of the Berner International Working Group :Mr. Steven Green, Mrs Martha Cehrs, member of the B-IWG and President of KBS , but here involved as private person and Vittone's friend; Mrs. Inge Bibby, member of the B-IWG here in representation of the DBSK The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Denmark who is hosting the 2008 annual meeting.

The scientific commission will decide whether to assign the total award, which amounts to € 12.000, to one project or to divide the award amount between working projects of equal scientific value.

The winner, or the winners, will be informed through e-mail and post communication and invited to the annual Simposyum/ Berner International Working Group meeting where the official announcement will be made.

In general, the winner, or winners, will receive half of the award amount at the official announcement. The rest will be delivered at fifty percent completion of the project. The scientific commission will decide on whether the fifty percent completion requirement has been met based on a progress report submitted by the award winner or winners. The commission can, in exceptional cases, award the total amount in a single settlement to the winner or winners.

The award winner or winners, will be invited to present the result of their scientific work at the 2008 International Health Symposium held by the DBSK The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Denmark on the 10th of October in Denmark



After publication of the results of the study in a scientific journal, these will be made available upon request for free consultation to all interested Bernese Mountain dog societies and clubs. Furthermore, in order to stimulate knowledge and awareness of what is happening in the scientific and dog-loving circles regarding the health and longevity of the breed, the projects will be published on SIBB web site, as well as on the one of B-IWG.

Should the scientific commission not be able to designate an individual or an organization with a specific project as the award winner or winners, the annual amount will be awarded to individuals or organizations who have in the past contributed to the health of the breed in general. The scientific commission reserves, however, the right to refrain from awarding the amount altogether or partially should no specific scientific project or individuals/organizations be found suitable to receive the award or part of the award. The remaining or total award amount will then be assigned to future awards.



Year 2008 Alberto Vittone Award: Application Form

Year:

Candidate:

Name:

Family name:

Address:

Post code:

Country:

Telephone number:

e-mail address:

Fax Number:

University:

Department:

Director of the department:

Supervisor of the project:

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

Fax Number:

Address of the University:

Post code:

Country:

Bernese Mountain Dog Society:

Private association:

Name of the Society:

Address:

Post code:

Country:

President of the association:

Curriculum Vitae of the association:

Supervisor of the project:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

e-mail address:

I undersigned, after reading and accepting the Alberto Vittone Award regulation, undertake to send all the material required in the above mentioned regulation (in paper or PC word form) by and no later then 31st August 2008 and allowing to circulate this information, by e-mail or by post , between the evaluation committee members.

Candidate Signature

Supervisor Signature

**Kindly post the form and the required material to:
Società Italiana Bovaro del Bernese
c/o Ufficio segreteria**

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