

PRESS RELEASE

**The Pezcoller Foundation awards the Scholarship for
SISSA Master course in Science Communication “Franco
Prattico”**

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Andrea De Giovanni is the winner of the [Pezcoller Foundation](#) scholarship awarded to the highest-ranked candidate for admission to the SISSA's [Master's course in Science Communication “Franco Prattico”](#) for the academic year 2022-23. De Giovanni has a degree in Biodiversity and Evolution and is pursuing a doctorate at the University of Bologna. He has always been passionate about nature photography and writing and his works have been published in scientific magazines and websites. He was ranked first by the examination commission and the Foundation's award of 4,000 euros will allow him to cover the full cost of enrolment on the course.

The scholarship is the result of a collaboration agreement, signed last year, between the Trento Foundation and SISSA, whose various objectives include: disseminating scientific knowledge with particular regard to the potential and implications of contemporary science; creating opportunities for interdisciplinary and inter-sector cross-fertilisation involving various social actors; and promoting activities of participation and mentorship.

The mission of the non-profit Pezcoller Foundation is to promote and further the fight against human diseases, particularly cancer, by supporting scientific research and cultural activities that broaden knowledge and awareness of them.

The Master's Course in Science Communication "Franco Prattico", established at SISSA in 1993, is a one-year postgraduate course designed to train professionals specialised in various sectors of scientific communication, from journalism to publishing, and from museums to the organisation of events.

Nico Pitrelli, Director of the Master's Course in Science Communication "Franco Prattico", explains: "The scholarship awarded to Andrea De Giovanni, whom I congratulate on behalf of the entire Master's staff, strengthens the collaboration with the Pezcoller Foundation that began last year. Through this prize, awarded to support training in science communication, we were able to appreciate the serious and important work of the Foundation, which I obviously thank for its generosity towards us. We will surely continue to cooperate and strive to find new opportunities to promote scientific culture."

Dr. Enzo Galligioni, President of the Pezcoller Foundation, declares: "We are particularly glad of our collaboration with SISSA, through the support for this scholarship in the Master of Science Communication. Indeed, we are convinced that raising awareness of the progress and problems of scientific research is a fundamental aspect of our commitment to support the fight against cancer. Congratulations to the winner, dr. De Giovanni. I wish him every success in his work."

IMAGE

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