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IFISC (CSIC-UIB) BEST MASTER THESIS AWARD FOR STUDENTS OF THE MASTER IN PHYSICS OF COMPLEX SYSTEMS

In order to promote academic excellence and to recognize outstanding work carried out within the Master in Physics of Complex Systems at the University of the Balearic Islands, IFISC (CSIC-UIB) establishes the **IFISC Best Master's Thesis Award** for the academic years **2025–2026, 2026–2027 and 2027–2028**.

This award is funded by the **Fundación Sicómoro**, whose mission is to support scientific research, education, and the dissemination of knowledge in areas related to complex systems and their applications.

Article 1. Purpose

The purpose of this award is to recognize the best Master's Thesis submitted within the framework of the Master in Physics of Complex Systems at the University of the Balearic Islands during the academic years indicated above.

Article 2. Nature and contents of the award

1. The award shall consist of:

- a) A single monetary prize of **five hundred euros (€500)** for each academic year covered by these rules.
- b) **Online publication of the awarded Master's Thesis**, subject to the **express authorization of the student** and, where applicable, to the institutional and academic regulations governing the dissemination of Master's Theses.

2. The prize shall be indivisible and may be awarded to only one Master's Thesis per academic year.

Article 3. Eligibility requirements

In order to be eligible for the award, candidates must meet all of the following requirements:

- a) They must be enrolled in the Master in Physics of Complex Systems at the University of the Balearic Islands.
- b) They must have defended their Master's Thesis during the **first academic year** in which they were enrolled in the Master.
- c) The Master's Thesis must have been defended within the established period of the specific academic year, in accordance with the academic and administrative calendar of the University of the Balearic Islands.

Article 4. Evaluation criteria

The award shall be decided on the basis of the following criteria:

- a) The **final grade** awarded to the Master's Thesis.
- b) The **overall quality** of the work, taking into account its scientific level, originality, clarity, and relevance.
- c) The **overall quality** of the oral presentation of the work.
- d) The **date of defense** of the Master's Thesis, with preference for theses defended **within four months of the thesis registration deadline**.

Article 5. Selection committee

1. The body responsible for evaluating the eligible applications and deciding the recipient of the award shall be the **same committee appointed for the IFISC Best Teacher Award and a representative of the Fundación Sicómoro**.
2. The committee shall assess the eligible Master's Theses in accordance with the criteria set out in these rules.
3. The decision of the committee shall be final, without any possibility to appeal.

Article 6. Commitments of the recipient

Acceptance of the award shall imply the following commitments on the part of the recipient:

- a) The recipient shall prepare a **post presenting the awarded work** for publication in the **Complex Systems blog of the Fundación Sicómoro**.
- b) The recipient shall prepare a **post presenting the awarded work** for publication in the blog of the **Spanish Chapter of the Complex Systems Society (CS3)**.

c) The recipient shall become a member of the **Spanish Chapter of the Complex Systems Society (CS3)**, insofar as such membership is required in order to contribute to its blog.

Article 7. Awarding procedure and resolution

1. The award shall be granted once in each academic year covered by these rules.
2. The decision shall be adopted after the end of the eligibility period corresponding to the relevant academic year.
3. The award may be declared void if, in the opinion of the committee, none of the eligible Master's Theses reaches the level of merit required for its recognition.

Article 8. Acceptance of the rules

Participation in this award procedure shall imply full acceptance of these rules.

Any matters not expressly provided for herein shall be resolved by the selection committee.

Article 9. Period of application

These rules shall apply to the academic years **2025–2026, 2026–2027 and 2027–2028**.