



Ecological Society of America  
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Washington, DC 20036

February 27, 2019

Dear Dr. Ricardo Rozzi,

On behalf of the Ecological Society of America and the ESA Awards Committee, we congratulate you as the recipient of the 2019 Eugene P. Odum Award for Excellence in Ecology Education. By recognizing an ecologist for outstanding work in education, this award draws the attention of the discipline to the importance of teaching, outreach, and student mentoring activities in training young ecologists and furthering ecological science. We invite you to attend ESA's annual meeting in Louisville, KY to accept the award in person, which consists of a special trophy recognizing your achievements, a cash award of \$1,000 and reimbursement of travel costs up to \$700.

On Monday morning, August 12, we would like to invite you to join us at the Opening Plenary Session to receive your award in a session that will include the scientific plenary and the presentation of the awards. We would ask that you be at the Kentucky International Convention Center, 221 S 4<sup>th</sup> St, Louisville, KY 40202 in the Ballroom at 7:30 AM. At 5:00 PM that evening, you and a guest are invited to the Awards Recipients' Reception with the ESA Governing Board. Please let us know whether you will be able to attend by responding to Danielle Slatkin ([danielle@esa.org](mailto:danielle@esa.org)).

ESA will announce the recipients of our 2019 awards in a press release on Tuesday, April 16. We urgently need your help to effectively spread the news of your award — by keeping it secret for now. **Please do not tell your friends and colleagues, or mention your award on social media, until April 16, 2019 at noon EST.** The formal announcement will be followed by highlights of each award on ESA's website, Twitter feed, and Facebook page.

Again, congratulations on receiving this prestigious award. We are looking forward to presenting it to you in person in Louisville.

Sincerely,

Laura Huenneke  
ESA President

Katharine Suding  
Chair, ESA Awards Committee