



RULES

The International Poetry Festival Europa in Versi, in collaboration with La Casa della Poesia di Como launches the **11th edition** of the

INTERNATIONAL PRIZE OF POETRY AND FICTION EUROPE IN VERSE AND PROSE

As usual, the Prize aims to scout new talents or talents who deserve greater visibility on our social channels and on the websites www.europainversi.org and www.lacasadellapoesiadicom.com

Absolute winners of both published Poetry and published Fiction will receive a prize of 500.00 Euros.

For all sections dedicated to unpublished texts, the winner of each section will have the opportunity to publish it free of charge with I Quaderni del Bardo editions by Stefano Donno.



CONTESTANTS AND SECTIONS

The Prize is open to Italian and foreign authors who **have turned 18** when enrolling in the competition.

The Prize falls into 4 sections:

- **Unpublished poetry**
- **Published poetry**
- **Unpublished fiction**
- **Published fiction**

GENERAL REMARKS

Texts published on blogs or personal pages of social media are regarded as unpublished. Works written or published in a foreign language or in dialect must be accompanied by an Italian translation.

UNPUBLISHED POETRY AND UNPUBLISHED FICTION

Poetry - two possibilities:

- Send three (3) unpublished poems.
- Participants who have written a poetry collection can send between 30 and 70 poems.

In both cases texts must be sent in a Word file typed either in Times, or Arial, or Calibri, font size 12.

Fiction:

The author can participate by attaching to an e-mail message one unpublished work, whether a single short story, or a sylloge of short stories, or a novel (a maximum of 500,000 characters including spaces).

Texts must be sent in a Word file typed either in Times, or Arial, or Calibri, font size 12.

PUBLISHED POETRY AND FICTION

Each author can participate **by attaching to a traditional e-mail message a PDF copy of their published book**, following the instructions provided in the section “Mode of sending.”

The book must have an ISBN code identifying the publication, or it must have been self-published from January 2016 onwards. If the book has only been published as an e-book, it will be possible to send it by e-mail in one of the Kindle-compatible formats. There is no limit on the length of the work.



PARTICIPATION FEE

To enrol in the Prize, it is necessary to pay a **fee of 20 Euros** (office costs).

It is possible to participate in more than one section (e.g.: unpublished poetry and published fiction, etc.) by paying an **additional participation fee of 10 Euros** for any further section.

Participation fees can be paid by **bank transfer** to

LA CASA DELLA POESIA DI COMO

IBAN: IT62V0760110900001029884523

BIC: BPPIITRRXXX SWIFT: POSOIT22XXX

Alternatively, payment is possible **by postal account n.**

n. 1029884523

to LA CASA DELLA POESIA DI COMO

In both cases, the **purpose of payment** will be **“Premio Europa in versi e in prosa 2026”**.

MODE OF SENDING

Unpublished texts, e-books and pdf files of published books must be sent in exclusively by e-mail to the following address: info@europainversi.org

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO ATTACH TO THE E-MAIL MESSAGE A PDF COPY OF ALL PUBLISHED BOOKS AND THE COVER IN PDF OR JPG. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO SPECIFY IN THE E – MAIL WHICH PUBLISHING HOUSE THE BOOK IS PUBLISHED BY OR WHETHER IT IS SELF – PUBLISHED

NECESSARY DOCUMENTS which must be attached to all published and unpublished texts

Scanned documents or clear photos of:

- Participation form, filled out in each part.
- Payment receipt.

All documents must be **attached to an e-mail message** together with the work.



DEADLINE

Works must be sent in **by 15th March 2026**.

WE WARMLY SUGGEST AUTHORS SHOULD SEND IN THEIR WORKS WELL BEFORE THE DEADLINE IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE JURY'S TASK.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE AWARD IS FIXED AND WILL NOT BE EXTENDED.

JURY

The jury is composed as follows

President of the Jury for Poetry

Milo De Angelis, poet

President of the Jury for Fiction

prof. Gianmarco Gaspari, Former Professor of Italian Literature University of Insubria DiSUIT - Department of Human Sciences and Innovation for the Territory - Director of the International Research Center for Local Histories and Cultural Diversities University of Insubria

Elisabetta Broli, journalist and writer

Stefano Donno, publisher

Bruno Galluccio, poet

Roberto Galaverni, literary critic and culture editor with Corriere della Sera

Laura Garavaglia, poet and journalist, director of the International Poetry Festival

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The decision of the jury cannot be questioned. The jury has a right not to attribute one or more prizes indicated in these rules, providing a reason for the decision.



PRIZES

Ten works will be selected for each section.

Both author and title of the selected works will be published on the websites www.europainversi.org and www.lacasadellapoesiadico.com

Among the selected, for each section **one winner and two or more finalists** will be chosen.

Both winners and finalists will be contacted by e-mail or by phone and their names will be published on the websites www.europainversi.org and www.lacasadellapoesiadico.com

No general ranking of the non-chosen works will be drawn.

FOR UNPUBLISHED POETRY

An absolute winner (or several ex-aequo winners) of the section will be chosen among those who send a sylloge of poems. Also two or more finalists will be chosen among those who send three poems.

The texts of the finalists and winners will be published in the anthology of the International Festival Europa in Versi 2026. Concerning the unpublished selected and finalist poetry collections, the jury reserves the right to choose some texts from among those submitted to be published in the anthology.

The author(s) of the ABSOLUTE WINNER works will have the possibility to publish it/them free of charge with I Quaderni del Bardo edizioni by Stefano Donno (IQdB), and they will be put on sale on amazon.it

For details on publication, see paragraph 3 in the section “general rules.”

All **winners and finalists** will receive a **personalised diploma and will be appointed Ambassador of La Casa della Poesia di Como ODV.**



FOR THE SECTION UNPUBLISHED FICTION

One winner (or several ex-aequo winners) and at least two ex-aequo finalists will be selected.

The author(s) of the **OVERALL WINNER** works will have the possibility to publish it/them free of charge with I Quaderni del Bardo edizioni by Stefano Donno (IQdB), and it/they will be put on sale on amazon.it and giuntialpunto.it

For details on publication, see paragraph 3 in the section “general rules.”

All winners and finalists will receive a **personalised diploma** and **will be appointed Ambassador of La Casa della Poesia di Como ODV.**

FOR THE SECTIONS PUBLISHED POETRY AND PUBLISHED FICTION

One winner (or several ex-aequo winners) and at least two ex-aequo finalists will be selected for each section.

OVERALL WINNERS of each section will receive a **monetary prize of 500 Euros.**

All winners and finalists will receive a **personalised diploma** and **will be appointed Ambassador of La Casa della Poesia di Como ODV.**

AWARD CERIMONY

The overall winning authors and finalists of the various sections will be awarded in Como at end of May, on a date to be announced, at an event open to the public.



GENERAL RULES

1. Participation implies complete acceptance of these rules.
2. The works sent in for participation in the Prize will not be returned.
Participation in the Prize does not entitle participants to any payment of expenses.
3. The winner will be asked to sign a contract specially drafted for authors by the publisher and will receive a gift of a copy of the book.
The publisher has a right to decide
 - Discounts on the purchase of copies of the book which may be required by the authors;
 - The graphic design, which will guarantee the visibility of the publisher;
 - The modes of promotion of the book;
 - Annual reporting on copyrights (10% on books sold after signature date).The press office of IQdB will adopt the necessary measures to promote the work.
The publisher has a right to publish the book within twelve months after the competition, depending on technical needs and on the circumstances which will guarantee an optimal publication of the work.
4. Failure to respect any of the rules here indicated will cause the exclusion of the works.
5. Works sent in unaccompanied by participation form or payment receipt will be excluded likewise.

PRIVACY

Competitors' personal data are processed in accordance with current legislation on the processing of personal data.

CONTACTS

Information on the prize will be published on the websites:

www.europainversi.org e www.lacasadellapoesiadico.com

For further details, please contact: **info@europainversi.org**

Or the phone number **+39 371 1092926** from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.