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Simon A. Levin Receives Margalef Prize in Ecology and Environmental Sciences

Professor Simon A. Levin, Princeton University, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, has been awarded the **Margalef Prize in Ecology and Environmental Sciences** for his fundamental contributions in theoretical ecology, particularly concerning spatial and temporal heterogeneity, and for his ground-breaking research on integrating different scales in understanding ecological processes. Dr. Levin is also being recognized for applying basic science to the conservation of biodiversity and for mentoring a large number of students who have become respected scientists themselves.

About the Prize

In 2004, the Generalitat of Catalonia (Autonomous Government in the Spanish State) created the Margalef Prize (*Premi Ramon Margalef d'Ecologia*) to honor the life and work of Dr. Ramon Margalef López (1919-2004), one of the founding fathers of modern ecology and one of the most distinguished Spanish scientists of the twentieth century.

The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals from all over the world who have distinguished themselves in the field of ecology. The Prize is awarded annually and is endowed with 100,000 Euros, making it the most important prize awarded by the Generalitat of Catalonia, and the most important prize, on an international level, exclusively dedicated to ecological and environmental sciences.

Past recipients of the Margalef Prize include: Paul R. Ehrlich (2009), Daniel Pauly (2008), Harold A. Mooney (2007), John Lawton (2006), and Paul Dayton (2005).

Award Presentation

The prize will be awarded on October 7, 2010 in the Palace of the Generalitat.

Web Announcement of Dr. Levin's Award (In Catalan):

<http://www.gencat.cat/premiramonmargalef/cas/index.htm>

For More About Dr. Ramon Margalef López's Life and Work (In English):

<http://www.gencat.cat/premiramonmargalef/eng/biografia.htm>