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Lifetime Achievement Award to Amalia Ercoli Finzi, for young researchers to Silvia Giordani

The winners of the second edition of the Leonardo-Ugis Prize 2012 have been chosen, awarded by the Union of Italian Scientific Journalists in collaboration with the National Museum of Science and Technology and Federchimica-PlasticsEurope Italia. The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Amalia Ercoli Finzi; the prize for the young researcher-communicator, on the other hand, saw Silvia Giordani prevail.



Amalia Ercoli Finzi

The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Amalia Ercoli Finzi for "her long experience in space exploration, her commitment to young people, her work in the most accredited space organizations, her great ability to communicate complex issues in a simple way, which has involved and continues to interest students and public opinion, her extensive and clear publications, attention to the presence of women in scientific faculties and in particular in aerospace engineering", is mentioned in the explanatory statement. Professor of orbital mechanics at the Faculty of Industrial Engineering of the Politecnico di Milano, Amalia Ercoli Finzi has been involved in spaceflight dynamics, space mission projects and space systems for over 25 years and has made significant contributions, internationally appreciated, on issues related to satellites and probes for planetary exploration. He is responsible for the SD2 experiment on the [Rosetta spacecraft](#) for cometary exploration. Among other things, she is president of the equal opportunities committee of the Politecnico di Milano and a member of the Italian Association of Women Engineers and Architects, of which she was national president.

YOUNG RESEARCHER - The award to Silvia Giordani aims to highlight "the numerous and prestigious international awards, the extensive scientific publications in the most qualified and widespread journals, the experiences as a *visiting scientist* or *lecturer*, the active participation in educational initiatives, the intervention in media aimed at the general public, the promotion of the role of women in science and research and among young students". Graduated in Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technologies at the University of Milan, Silvia Giordani in 2006 won the President of Ireland Young Researcher Award, delivered directly by the President of the Republic of Ireland, as well as one million euros aimed at carrying out her scientific research project. In 2007 at Trinity College Dublin he led a research and experimentation group on supramolecular chemistry and nanomaterials. Since January 2009 he has been promoting the Mentoring Juniors project, designed to bring young people closer to the world of research.



Silvia Giordani

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