
VI. Notes from the Editor

TRI Award for Best PhD Thesis 2015: Deadline of 31 March 2016 for Submissions Approaching

The Terrorism Research Initiative (TRI) seeks to enhance the quality of research in the field of Terrorism Studies. For this purpose it has established an Annual Award for the Best Doctoral Dissertation on Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism. From the submissions, the TRI Award jury identifies three finalists and among them the winner. The Award for the best thesis submitted in 2013 went to Dr. Tricia Bacon (American University, Washington, D.C., USA) and the winner of the 2014 Award was Dr. Anneli Botha (Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria, South Africa). With the present announcement, a call is being made for Ph.D. theses submitted or defended at an academic institution in the year 2015.

Doctoral theses in the field of terrorism- and counter-terrorism studies can be submitted either by the author or by the academic supervisor, and should be submitted in electronic form to the chairman of the jury, Prof. em. Alex P. Schmid, at apschmid@terrorismanalysts.com, together with a cover letter (1-3 pp.), highlighting the merits of the submitted Ph.D. thesis. Submissions have to be in English (or translated into English). The deadline for entries (in English, or with translation into English) is 31 March, 2016. The TRI Award jury, consisting of the three directors of TRI (Robert Wesley, James Forest and Alex P. Schmid) will evaluate and compare the submissions in the months of April and May 2016 and inform the three finalists in the course of June 2016.

The winner among them will be announced in the summer of 2016 and can expect an Award of US \$1000.- plus a certificate of achievement signed by the President of the Terrorism Research Initiative, acknowledging the granting of the TRI thesis award. The other two finalists will receive a certificate of achievement. For the three finalist theses, TRI will assist the authors in finding a publisher. The winner of the 2015 TRI Award will also be invited to submit an article for publication in *Perspectives on Terrorism*, summarizing the winning thesis' main results.