NOTICE OF A COMPETITION

1. The Rotary Club Parma, in agreement with the ‘Fondazione Istituto nazionale di studi verdiiani’, is glad to announce the XVI “Giuseppe Verdi” International Prize, to be granted to an Italian or international scholar, for the development and completion of a research project, chiefly in the field of musicology, and concerning the life and works of Giuseppe Verdi set in their historical and cultural context. The main outcome of the research project will be the presentation of a monograph, new and unpublished, which will be published in the Foundation’s specialized series.

2. The prize, sponsored by the Rotary Club Parma, amounts to Euro 10,000.00, € 7,000.00 of which will be paid directly to the candidate as detailed in article 5, while the remaining 3,000,00 euro will be set aside for the publication of the research project. The research prize will be paid to the candidate on submission of the completed work, ready for publication.

3. Applicants are required to submit a research proposal and their scientific CV. As well as describing the nature and structure of the research project, the candidate must indicate what material is needed for the completion of the project, and an estimate of the size of the volume to be published, including any musical examples and illustrations. The application, sent by post or email, must be submitted to the ‘Fondazione Istituto nazionale di studi verdiiani’, Via Melloni, 1 / B, - I-43121 Parma, email address direzione@studiverdiani.it by November 15th, 2015. The Foundation will communicate the results of the competition by January 31st, 2016.

4. The Board of Examiners assessing the research proposals will be chaired by the Scientific Director of the Foundation, and composed of six members, three of whom appointed by the Rotary Club Parma, with the remaining two appointed by the Foundation. The Board of Examiners is in charge of the selection of the winner, as well as the monitoring of the research project.

5. The research project will be carried out over a period of three years. At the end of the first and second year, the winner is required to submit a report of her/his research up to that stage. The completed monograph, ready for publication, must be submitted for approval to the Board of Examiners at the end of the third year, no later than January 31st 2019. Extensions may be granted at the discretion of the Board of Examiners. On the day of the proclamation, the Rotary Club Parma will pay to the winner an advance amounting to 2,000,00 euro. The Board of Examiners, described in article 4, may grant interim payments up to a maximum of 50% of the balance, upon presentation of substantiated and documented request. The balance of the award will be paid by the Rotary Club Parma on submission of the complete monograph, ready for publication, upon approval of the Board of Examiners. Should the work get a negative feedback or fail to meet the deadline, the balance of the award will not be paid.

6. The Prize winner is required to provide the Foundation with a copy of any documentary material autonomously acquired over the period of the research project.
7. In assessing the applications, the Board of Examiners will take into account the following items (in order of importance):
- The originality of the research proposal
- The likelihood that the project may be carried out within the time framework set by this notice
- The expected size of the volume
- The applicant’s scientific record.