

# **Giovanni Anania Fellowship 2016**

## **Minutes of the final meeting**

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**14 July 2016**

On July 14<sup>th</sup> 2016, the selection Committee for the Giovanni Anania Fellowship 2016, composed of Professors Rosanna Nisticò, Donato Romano and Luca Salvatici, met for the final decision about the fellowship proposals. The Committee invited Professor Alex McCalla to contribute to the final decision. Professor McCalla of the University of California at Davis, represented the hosting institution.

The committee had previously agreed to adopt the following criteria for decision:

- a) CV (20%): education, skills;
- b) Reference letter (10%): motivation provided and reputation of the referee;
- c) Proposal quality (40%): justification, relevance, articulation, consistency of the subject with the topics mentioned by the Call;
- d) Agreement of UC Davis (30%): consistency with the research topics currently developed at UC Davis, availability of an interested supervisor.

The PhD candidates who applied for the fellowship are the following:

- Ankush Asri (University of Bologna);
- Eleonora Defalcis (Catholic University, Piacenza);
- Ilaria Salvati (Roma Tre University);
- Volkan Sezgin (University Torvergata, Rome);
- Marcelo Siles (University of Tuscia, Viterbo);
- Dimitrios Zormpas (University of Padua).

On the basis of the evaluation criteria, the Committee unanimously agreed on the following ranking:

- 1) Ilaria Salvati;
- 2) Eleonora Defalcis;
- 3) Ankush Asri;
- 4) Volkan Sezgin;
- 5) Dimitrios Zormpas;
- 6) Marcelo Siles.

The winner of the Giovanni Anania Fellowship 2016 is Ilaria Salvati who presented a project on “Market power and imperfect pass-through in the agricultural sector”. The candidate proposed an excellent research proposal on a classical topic of agricultural trade economics and policy that is feasible in the time span of the internship at UC Davis. Moreover, the proposed topic fits nicely with some research lines currently pursued by UC Davis faculty. The candidate seems to have the required skills to carry out the research and take full advantage of the opportunity offered by the fellowship.