PRIZE "SAMUELE VALERIO" FOR THE BEST **GRADUATION THESIS**

The **Italian Academy of Conservative Dentistry**, in order to spread its statutory message: "Improve knowledge in the field of Conservative Dentistry and establish a bridge between University education and professional practice for young graduates", and to honor the memory of the late Samuele Valerio, its Founder Member and Past-president, announces the establishment of the AIC Prize for the best graduation thesis in Conservative Dentistry.

AIC "Samuele Valerio" Prize will be awarded annually during the Annual Congress of the Academy, that in the year 2016, will be held on 6th-7th May. The 2016 Prize will be awarded to a graduation thesis on a subject regarding Conservative Dentistry presented in an Italian University in the academic years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

The undergraduates/graduates who wish to enter the competition must submit, by 15th March 2016, an application for participation on plain paper including authorization to the processing of personal data and a copy of the thesis in Conservative Dentistry in digital format to the Secretariat AIC (E-mail: aic@mjeventi.com) for assessment by the AIC Membership Commission.

The thesis can be related to basic or laboratory research or clinical research (clinical trials or innovative restorative techniques) provided the relevance with themes of biological and clinical aspects of Restorative Dentistry in all their aspects. The thesis should be accompanied by an abstract (maximum 200 words). The final decision of the Commission will select the 5 deemed best deserving thesis and, out of them, the winner of the AIC Prize.

Communication of this result will be sent to the winner and finalists 15 days before the date of the Annual Congress.

The winning thesis will be presented at the Annual Congress by the Author, with a 10 minutes communication.

The 5 finalists will be rewarded with free AIC association fee for one year.

The best thesis will be awarded the AIC Prize of € 1,000 and the publication on the website of the Academy.