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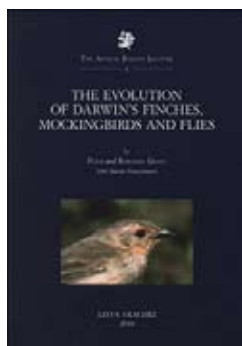
THE EVOLUTION
OF DARWIN'S FINCHES,
MOCKINGBIRDS AND FLIES

2005 BALZAN PRIZEWINNERS

The evolutionary biologists Peter and Rosemary Grant were awarded the 2005 Balzan Prize for Population Biology for their remarkable long-term studies demonstrating evolution in action in Galápagos finches. Their researches have assured them a prestigious position in the Scientific pantheon. The Balzan Foundation

is very pleased that their distinguished lecture in Rome, at the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, initiates this series of lectures to be published on a regular basis as «The Annual Balzan Lecture».

The series is the fruit of Agreements on Collaboration between the International Balzan Foundation «Prize», the



Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei and the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences.

This first «Annual Balzan Lecture» delivered by Professors Peter and Rosemary Grant on *The Evolution of Darwin's Finches, Mockingbirds and Flies*, is a very appropriate point of departure. It exemplifies the central purpose of

the Agreements, to jointly promote the diffusion of cutting edge research and provide a setting for fruitful academic exchanges. Indeed, such exchanges have already been greatly enhanced by the research projects funded by the second half of the Grants' Balzan Prize which involved four young researchers.

Peter e Rosemary Grant hanno ricevuto il Premio Balzan 2005 per la biologia delle popolazioni, per ricerche sui fringuelli delle Galapagos che hanno assicurato loro un posto di rilievo nel pantheon scientifico. La Fondazione Balzan è lieta di iniziare, con questa, una serie di conferenze che saranno pubblicate come «The Annual Balzan Lecture», frutto di un accordo tra Fondazione Internazionale Balzan «Premio», Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei e Accademie svizzere delle scienze.

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