



ACTERIA Prizes Rules

These ACTERIA Prizes Rules shall henceforth replace the ones of 15th December 2012 for the ACTERIA Prizes which as from 2020 shall be awarded yearly by the European Federation of Immunological Societies (**EFIS**) to distinguish high potential early career researchers and their outstanding scientific achievements in fundamental immunology and allergology.

1. The ACTERIA Prizes

- 1.1. There shall be two prizes for early career researchers, one each in Immunology and Allergology. These prizes shall be called “The ACTERIA Prizes awarded by the European Federation of Immunological Societies”.
- 1.2. These two prizes shall alternate in even years for the best doctoral theses in the last 3 years prior to the awards (**ACTERIA Doctoral Thesis Prizes**) and in uneven years for the best research within 10 years after PhD (**ACTERIA Early Career Research Prizes**). The term “best” shall stand for and mean an outstanding achievement as shall be further defined by the prize committee as to Section 4.2 below.
- 1.3. Each of the ACTERIA Prizes shall be awarded by FONDATION ACTERIA with EUR 30,000.00 prize money (**Prize Money**) and research grants over three years for post award research projects (**Research Grants**) of regularly an aggregate of up to EUR 150,000.00 (up to EUR 50,000.00 yearly) and at the entire discretion of FONDATION ACTERIA, exceptionally of an aggregate of up to EUR 200,000.00 for research that is pursued by or in cooperation with institutes of less favored European countries as defined by the EU or by the EMBO.
- 1.4. The Prize Money shall be paid to the prize winners personally for their personal use as they may deem appropriate, with no conditions or restrictions attached.
- 1.5. The Research Grants shall be paid against invoice to the institutes where the prize winners pursue their post award research projects and they can be used for whatever kind of costs associated with the projects, be it labor, staff, equipment or other costs.
- 1.6. The Research Grants shall be available during 6 calendar years following the award year or exceptionally for such longer period as FONDATION ACTERIA may at its entire discretion decide from case to case for good cause, such as maternity and similar reasons.



1.7. The ACTERIA Prizes shall be awarded in years there is a tri annual European Congress of Immunology (**ECI**) organized by EFIS at such ECI, in years between ECIs at a venue recommended by FONDATION ACTERIA in consultation with EFIS.

1.8. The prize winners shall be plenary speakers at the awarding venue.

2. Prize Conditions

2.1. The ACTERIA Doctoral Thesis Prizes shall honor thesis performed in an institute from a European country in the last 3 years before the award. A European country is understood in the broadest sense as that where an immunological or allergological society is affiliated with EFIS.

2.2. The ACTERIA Early Career Research Prizes shall honor research performed within 10 years after PhD the latest in affiliation with an institute from a European country, whereby a European country shall be understood in the broadest sense as that where an immunological or allergological society is affiliated with EFIS.

2.3. Research Grants are available by FONDATION ACTERIA to the prize winners for post award research projects performed in an institute from a European country or in affiliation or cooperation with such an institute, whereby a European country shall be understood in the broadest sense as that where an immunological or allergological society is affiliated with EFIS. If the post award research projects are performed in such affiliation or cooperation, Research Grants shall be paid to the European institute against its invoices and at its entire discretion how to apply the grants to such projects.

3. Nominations

3.1. EFIS shall announce the yearly launch of the ACTERIA Prizes to national societies in October and December of each calendar year.

3.2. Nominations for the ACTERIA Prizes must usually be received by the EFIS office by the end of December of the same calendar year the latest. Nominations shall be made electronically only and shall be submitted to EFIS.

- 3.3.** Nominations must be submitted by an EFIS member society in good standing. EFIS board members are not eligible to make nominations and cannot be nominated.
- 3.4.** Nominations shall include the following material:
- ⇒ A Nomination Letter establishing the merits of the work to be honored and the qualifications of the candidate, with attached CV including website link and a list of publications of the candidate (for publication on FONDATION ACTERIA's website)
 - ⇒ An Application Form describing the thesis for the ACTERIA Doctoral Thesis Prizes or the research project done for the ACTERIA Early Career Research Prizes, and also describing the research project eligible for post award research grants and its feasibility.
 - ⇒ A statement certifying that the work to be honored has received appropriate ethical approval.

4. Selection

- 4.1.** The EFIS shall set up a prize committee chaired by an EFIS representative.
- 4.2.** The prize committee shall have 5 members and 2 alternate members, including one EFIS representative and one SSAI representative and three members and the two alternate members nominated by FONDATION ACTERIA. The prize committee shall be balanced in terms of geographical representation; it shall also ensure that members' expertise covers both immunological and allergological expertise, wherefore at least two members and one alternate member shall be allergological experts.
- 4.3.** Alternate members shall replace ordinary members of the prize committee, in case there are nominations for the ACTERIA Prizes from the institute or the university they represent. In such a case, the ordinary members shall step temporarily down from the prize committee to avoid any conflict of interest and the alternates shall temporarily take their seats.
- 4.4.** The prize committee shall receive all nominations in full and it shall deliberate only on such applications that are made in accordance with Sections 3.3. and 3.4. hereabove.
- 4.5.** The prize committee shall meet and communicate in the two months following the deadline for nominations the results of its deliberations, including a shortlist of the



3 best rated nominations in each prize category to FONDATION ACTERIA, which shall communicate its decision to EFIS until the end of April of the given calendar year the latest.

5. Prize communication

5.1. The EFIS, SSAI and FONDATION ACTERIA shall website announce the ACTERIA Prizes winners in the April / May time scale.

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