

GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARDING OF THE LATSIS PRIZE

The Research Committee of ETH Zurich

in mutual agreement with the Board of the International Latsis Foundation and

within the scope of its duties according to Article 5 paragraph 3 of the Regulations of the ETH Zurich Research Committee, dated August 15, 2007

issues the following guidelines :

Art. 1 Scope and purpose

These guidelines provide details concerning the procedure and the responsibilities of the ETH Zurich regarding selection procedures for the Latsis Prize, which is sponsored by the International Latsis Foundation.

The purpose of the Latsis Prize is to recognize and reward scientific work of particular excellence from all fields of research undertaken at the ETH Zurich. Primarily, the prize is designed to acclaim completed scientific contributions independently made by junior scientists of the ETH Zurich. On exceptional occasions, it may also honour outstanding doctoral theses of high scientific impact. Nominees must be under 40 years old by April 30th of the year in which the prize is awarded.

Art. 2 Value of prize

The prize of CHF 25'000 is indivisible and can be awarded annually to one individual, subject to approval by the Foundation.

Art. 3 Nomination

Candidates can be nominated by professors of the ETH Zurich. The nomination must be supported in writing by the head of the department concerned. The same candidate may only be nominated twice.

Art. 4 Form of nominations

Nominations have to include a detailed justification of the nominee's candidature, the nominee's curriculum vitae and list of publications (with copies of the three most important publications enclosed) and the addresses of five possible referees. They are to be submitted to the President of the Research Committee no later than March 1st of the year in which the prize is awarded.

Art. 5 Evaluation of nominations

The Research Committee is responsible for the evaluation of the nominations. The Committee will procure independent opinions on the short list of the candidates.

Art. 6 Final selection

Subject to the provisions of Art. 2, the final selection of the prizewinner is made in the course of a meeting of the Research Committee (or a delegation thereof). A Latsis Foundation representative may participate as an observer. A report stating the rationale for the final selection is appended to the official letter, in which the name of the selected laureate is submitted for approval by the Latsis Foundation.

Art. 7 Presentation of the prize

The prizewinner is honoured at the Dies Academicus (or equivalent), at which the prize certificate is presented.

Art. 8 Publication

Invitations for nominations for the Latsis Prize are published every year by the internal ETH Zurich bulletin, which subsequently prints a feature on the prize winner.

Art. 9 Procedure

ETH Zurich assures adequate internal advertising of the prize amongst young researchers and professors.

Art. 10 Diffusion of the works of the laureates

In cooperation with the Latsis Foundation, the ETH Zurich assures the promotion and the dissemination of the work of ETH Zurich Latsis Prize laureates through scientific networks and media.

Art. 11 Final clause

These guidelines enter into effect on January 1, 2008, and replace any former guidelines.

Zurich and Geneva, November 19, 2007

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