



RULES AND REGULATION

I. FOUNDATION

On November 13, 2003, the not-for-profit association "Danone Institute International", was incorporated under the French law of July 1, 1901.

The purpose of the Danone Institute International is, among others, to promote and encourage nutrition-related research and thus to highlight the importance of nutrition in the overall field of human health.

2. PURPOSE

Toward that objective, Danone Institute International awards, with the support of the French Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale, the DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION. This Prize recognizes a single researcher or a research team who developed a Novel Concept in Nutrition and advanced the frontiers in nutrition (either basic or applied research). Novel Concepts in nutrition deal with major innovation advancing the understanding of human nutrition, physiological mechanisms or prevention of diseases, expanding the frontiers of nutrition for the benefit of humankind and public health.

The fields of research could be one or several of the following :

- The impact of human nutrition on identification, diagnosis, epidemiology, risk factors, prevention and/or treatment of related diseases
- The impact of functional foods or food components improving health and well-being
- Mechanisms involved in the above mentioned impacts, including research in genetic and molecular biology that shed light on the role of nutrition in human health
- Cultural, behavioural, anthropological, social, psychological, economic and toxicological aspects of human nutrition.

Research work can deal with any of fundamental research that contributes to nutrition, clinical nutrition or nutrition care of applied public health policy and programs.

Individuals and teams, to be represented by an individual, must be currently active in research, be expected to continue a career of active nutrition research and be a leader of their field of activity.

Their primary employer must be a not-for-profit institution at the time of the award. Their work, related to the concept, must be published in the public domain.

Under exceptional circumstances (after Jury's decision), the DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION could be shared between two individuals or teams discovering the same concept.

3. FREQUENCY

The DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION is awarded every two years. However this frequency could change if the Board of the Association so decides.

4. LOCATION

The administrative secretary of DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION is located in France.

The Board of the association decides, on each occasion, the location of the award ceremony by a majority vote, in agreement with the Prize Committee. Local Danone subsidiaries can act as host and organizer of the award ceremony with the assistance of the local Danone Institute if existing.

5. AMOUNT

In 2009, the DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION amounts to 120 000 Euro.

The award will be shared 50/50 between the laureate and his/her not-for-profit primary research institution. The funds donated to this institution must be used to support nutrition research.

The amount of the Prize could be changed if the Board of the Association so decides. The Association, Danone Institute International, headquartered in France, is the donor of the Prize.

6. ORGANIZATION

The DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION organization is comprised of three bodies:

- The Prize Committee
- The Nomination College
- The Jury

The Prize Committee

The Prize Committee is formed by 8 members, including members from the Danone Institute International and other individuals appointed by the Board.

A Chairperson, appointed by the Board is responsible for the Prize.

The 2009 Prize Committee consists of:

- C. Agostoni, MD (Italy)
- S. Atkinson, PhD (Canada)
- T. Besler, PhD (Turkey)
- J. Finidori, PhD (Fondation Recherche Médicale, France)
- N. Solomons, MD (Guatemala)
- V. Stallings, MD (USA)
- K. Tontisirin, MD, PhD (Thailand)
- G. Wolfram, MD (Germany, Chairman)

The Prize Committee is responsible for all scientific matters concerning the Prize. In particular, it:

- creates the list of members of the Nomination College,
- solicits the proposals of the Nomination College,
- supervises the study of the proposals sent in by the Nomination College,
- creates the list of the Jury members who can all change from one Prize to the next.

Decisions are made by a simple majority vote. In case of a tie, the Chairperson's vote counts as two votes.

The Nomination College

It comprises representatives of the major institutions responsible for the promotion of nutrition research from all over the world, as well as the previous laureates of the DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION. The role of its members is to propose names of outstanding individuals or teams eligible for the Prize. Each member may propose a maximum of two nominees, at least one of them is not from the member's institution.

- Contact information,
- a specific description of the novel concept and related key-words
- a short note describing the scientific reasons for the nomination,
- a short list of publications supporting the concept,
- a short description of "current academic activities and standing"

must accompany each nomination.

Self nomination is not allowed.

The Nominees

The 2009 list of nominees will be composed of applications received from the Nomination College as well as finalist nominees carried forward from the 2007 Prize committee.

The Prize Committee will check full compliance of the nominations with the Prize rules.

The list of nominees will remain confidential.

The Jury

The jury consists of 7 to 9 members:

- one member of the Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale
- members from the Danone Institutes network
- other individuals

Those members are appointed by the Prize Committee. No more than 50% of the Jury members can belong to Danone Institute International or the Danone Institutes network.

The Jury is presided by the previous President of the Prize Committee. This person does not belong to the current Prize Committee. The Chairperson of the Prize Committee can replace the Chairman if he/she is not able to act so.

The Jury selects one final laureate (by exception 2) among the nominees by a secret majority vote.

Decisions of the Jury are final.

7. AWARD OF THE PRIZE

The 2009 DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION will be awarded in Bangkok (Thailand) on October 6th, 2009 in conjunction with the 19th International Nutrition Congress.

It will be presented to the Prize's laureate by the chairpersons of the Jury and Prize Committee, the President of the Danone Institute International and/or the Chief Executive Officer of Groupe Danone as well as the President of the French Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale.

The Prize's laureate must be present at the Prize award ceremony and give a short talk on his/her scientific contribution.

8. PROMOTION OF THE WORK OF THE LAUREATE

The name of the 2009 Prize's laureate will be revealed in conjunction with the 19th International Nutrition Congress to be held on October 4th-9th 2009, in Bangkok (Thailand). The laureate must present a lecture of his/her major achievements in the development of novel concepts in nutrition at the Congress. The laureate will provide his/her authorization for an online conference.

Moreover, Danone Institute International will support the promotion of the work recognized by the Prize through lectures (twice a year, chosen and based on mutual agreement on the venue and type of event) within the following 24 months of the award ceremony. Danone Institute International will support such activities according to the usual conditions.

The Prize's laureate authorizes the Danone Institute International and the Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale to communicate on the Prize and on related scientific achievements with the scientific community and other professionals for education and teaching.

Any projects of communication and related content should be submitted to the approval of the Prize's laureate.

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9. PROMOTION OF THE PRIZE

The 2009 DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION will be announced in major scientific and nutrition journals.

In the context of the promotion of the Prize, Danone Institute International and the Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale may also communicate to the press and the general public on his/her/its name and works.

Danone reserves the right to communicate its involvement in Danone Institute International association and therefore in the DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION. The promotion of the Prize will be independent from any product communication.

The laureate promises to mention the DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION in any communication and publication resulting from research projects supported by the Prize.

10. THE LAUREATE(S)

It is understood that the Prize's laureate accepts the present Rules and Regulations, as specified in paragraphs 7, 8 and 9.

Danone Institute International reserves the right under certain circumstances to revoke the laureate.

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