



## DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR ALIMENTATION, *DIPA*

### RULES AND REGULATIONS 2022

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Since the first edition in 2017, the Danone International Prize for Alimentation ("**DIPA**") has evolved from the former Danone International Prize for Nutrition ("**DIPN**") created in 1996. The name change is in recognition of the need for innovative and collaborative approaches that consider the diverse influences on people's food choices and eating habits - including economic, social, psychological and cultural factors – collectively known as "Alimentation".

The DIPA is open to mid-career emerging leaders in the field, and rewards pioneering research that spans multiple disciplines and represents a major advance in Alimentation.

The DIPA is sponsored by Danone Institute International Association ("**DII**") and the French Medical Research Foundation, the *Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale* ("**FRM**").

**The DIPA Third Edition Call for Applications is now open and shall end at 11:59pm (Central European Time - CET) on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

#### II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the DIPA is to encourage and support cutting edge, innovative and multidisciplinary scientific research in Alimentation.

"**Alimentation**" is the umbrella term for sustainable eating and drinking practices that contribute to the health of individuals, including food choice, purchase, preparation, cooking and meal organization, and their determinants. The DIPA is intended to raise the profile of a mid-career researcher and accelerate his or her career, as well as help develop knowledge on the topic and inspire junior researchers.

The DIPA will recognize the work of a single researcher, or a representative of a research team (hereinafter, the "**Laureate**"), who is leading and pioneering a collaborative approach in Alimentation.

The DIPA is open to mid-career research scientists from a variety of scientific disciplines within Alimentation, including behavioral science, sociology, anthropology, psychology, environmental science, economics, and cultural studies.

**To summarize, the DIPA aims to:**

- advance understanding of Alimentation through cutting edge research;

- encourage and inspire pioneering advances that integrate lifestyle, cultural, socio-economic and environmental approaches into research on sustainable diets;
- boost collaboration between the different disciplines affecting nutrition, from psychology to economics; and
- support talented and highly motivated mid-career researchers whose work contributes to scientific excellence in the field of Alimentation.

The research ("*travail d'investigation*") may include any aspect related to Alimentation but should be across disciplines. The Laureate shall be chosen for his or her multidimensional approach in Alimentation, and thus must combine several dimensions of Alimentation that should necessarily be addressed together. The Laureate must be recognized in their field of research by their peers and shall be chosen for his or her capacity to think collectively and to cooperate with other researchers and professionals.

**Associated keywords:** alimentation, healthy eating behaviors, public health, sustainable diets, societal, behavioral, socio-anthropological approaches to food and nutrition, innovative, collaborative and multidisciplinary, practices relating to food and their determinants.

### III. GRANT / SPONSORSHIP

As part of the DIPA program, FRM, in collaboration with DII, shall grant one hundred thousand euros (€100,000) jointly to the Laureate and the research institution sponsoring the Alimentation research project in accordance with the following conditions:

- seventy-five percent (75%) of the grant (€75,000) shall be allocated to the institution in order to provide continual support for the Alimentation research project, provided that the institution uses the grant solely for the purposes of furthering the Alimentation research project;
- twenty-five (25%) of the grant (€25,000) will be allocated to the Laureate directly provided that the Laureate is directly involved in the Alimentation research project under the auspices of a non-profit organization for the duration of the program (24 months).

If the applicant has changed institutions between the submission of the application and the time the grant is awarded, the grant shall be awarded to the research institution which has been the primary sponsor, funder, and/or supporter of the chosen Alimentation research project.

### IV. ORGANISATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

#### A. Organization

The DIPA shall be awarded using a two-phase process involving:

- The DIPA Selection Committee, and
- The DIPA Jury

### **DIPA Selection Committee**

The DIPA Selection Committee is composed of:

- DII's current Board Members (other than ex-officio board members),
- DII's President,
- DII's Vice President and
- a representative chosen by FRM.

The DIPA Selection Committee is Chaired by the DII President and shall:

- validate the "*DIPA Rules and Regulations*" as well as the "*Timeline*",
- review all eligible applications and draw up a short-list of no more than ten (10) applications. *Short-listed applicants shall be asked to submit a full application which will then be subject to an additional round of evaluation by the DIPA Jury;*
- suggest 1 or 2 experts for nomination as a DIPA Jury member, according to the expertise needed to evaluate the short-listed applicants and their full application;
- nominate three DIPA Jury members and the DIPA Jury Chair from among the list of recommended candidates;
- Assist in soliciting candidates from the local scientific community and promote the DIPA program.

All decisions made by the DIPA Selection Committee shall be approved by simple majority vote. The DIPA Selection Committee reserves the right to modify the amount of the grant. In the event of a tie, the DIPA Selection Committee Chair's vote counts as two (2) votes.

### **DIPA Jury**

The DIPA Jury shall select the Laureate of the 2023 DIPA from the short-list of applicants drawn up by the DIPA Selection Committee and shall be composed of DII's president as well as five (5) internationally renowned scientists appointed as follows:

- the Chair of the DIPA Jury appointed by the DIPA Selection Committee
- a researcher appointed by FRM
- three (3) scientific/nutrition/societal/public health association representatives appointed by the DIPA Selection Committee for their expertise in Alimentation.

The DIPA Jury's decision shall be made by a simple majority vote of all members. In the event of a tie, the DIPA Jury Chair's vote counts as two (2) votes. Decisions of the DIPA Jury are final and may not be subject to an appeal from the applicants or the DIPA Selection Committee. The DIPA Jury will consider at its sole discretion the relevance to public health and the innovative and multidisciplinary nature of the research approach.

If a member of the DIPA Jury is employed or related to the same public institution as an applicant, he may not vote for this applicant for the Laureate's election.

### **B. Application process**

All applications should be in English, and the publications related to the research should be published in the public domain, in English.

Applicants shall submit a "first short application" which shall include:

1. A cover page downloaded from [www.danoneinstitute.org](http://www.danoneinstitute.org)
2. A curriculum vitae (CV) of their scientific career (maximum four (4) pages in pdf format, describing the main achievements in education, appointments, membership of committees and associations, PhD tutoring, scientific management and a 10-year track record)
3. An overview of their research work (maximum three (3) pages in pdf format), together with:
  - a summary of work in progress
  - a brief description of future planned projects
  - a proposal of related key words for the submitted work
  - a paragraph describing the scientific rationale for the application
4. A one-page letter explaining how their current research and future research plans fit with the purpose of the DIPA, including a description of how the research represents a major advance in the topic and pointing out the multidisciplinary and collaborative aspects of the approach used and its potential impact
5. A list of ten to fifteen publications documenting the applicant's past research, including the most recent publications.

After pre-selection by the DIPA Selection Committee, the short-listed applicants will be contacted again and invited to submit a full proposal containing the following documents:

1. the complete pdf files of five of the most relevant publications among the 10 to 15 publications listed in the application file; all research related to the "major advance in alimentation science" must be published in the public domain, in English
2. A one-page declaration of interests stating any participation by the applicant in any authority of private for-profit companies (scientific committee, board, etc.), and any current or recent (within the past five years) source of funding from for-profit companies or the applicant's research foundations
3. A one-page document detailing the planned use of the DIPA grant
4. A one-page document detailing "what is your vision of Alimentation and your holistic approach of alimentation"
5. A short video (in English, maximum five minutes, mpeg format), presenting:
  - the applicant and the research work
  - the major advance in the topic achieved by the research
  - the multidisciplinary and collaborative aspects of the approach
  - the importance of the DIPA including the applicant's interest in becoming an ambassador of the DIPA (see section VIII), in promoting Alimentation as an essential area of scientific research

All documents should be sent by e-mail to the dedicated contact address: [dipapriz2023@gmail.com](mailto:dipapriz2023@gmail.com) no later than **January 30<sup>th</sup> 2023**

### **C. Selection criteria**

Eligible submissions shall be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Project fits within the DIPA Purpose as stated above:
  - o Contributes to the development of a holistic vision of Alimentation
  - o Shows documented success in linking different disciplines, and promotion of transdisciplinary research.
- Presents established scientific achievements:
  - o Originality and innovation of scientific contribution (subjects, methodology, collaboration, etc.)
  - o Recognition of the research by peers.
- Shows practical outcomes from the research project:
  - o Recognized leadership skills, capacity for networking and role in the research community (contribution to creating, organizing, leading and developing researchers' communities around important topics)
  - o Advocacy, mobilization and commitment to Alimentation. Proven interest and ability to engage with and spread messages to other audiences.
- Confirms interest and suitability of the Laureate as ambassador of the DIPA for the promotion of Alimentation.

#### **D. Eligibility**

To be eligible, an application must meet the following criteria:

- The applicant must:
  - o be currently employed by a non-profit organization for the duration of the DIPA application process
  - o be currently involved in the Alimentation research at the time of the award selection
  - o have conducted research for 10 to 20 years (mid-career scientists)
  - o benefit from a certain degree of recognition from their peers beyond their national border (including, but not limited to, the number and quality of publications in peer reviewed journals or books, talks, conferences, etc.)
  - o show an interest in and ability to engage with spreading messages to their peers and other audiences
  - o be able to accept the conditions for selection (see hereunder Article VI-DIPA Award) and agree with the conditions for promoting DIPA (see hereunder Article VII-Promotion of the DIPA and Laureate's Research).
- The Alimentation research project must:
  - o contribute to a better understanding of Alimentation
  - o combine several dimensions of Alimentation (e.g. behavioral, socioeconomic, public health, cultural factors)
  - o be interdisciplinary: i.e., links and integrates different disciplines (e.g. anthropology, sociology, psychology, ...)
  - o be rigorous and innovative.

Eligibility is not subject to any geographical limitation in terms of nationality, age, or focus of research

## **V. POLICY ON ANIMAL TESTING**

Applications for the DIPA are subject to the DII policy on animal testing.

International bodies such as the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) have defined animal welfare standards, including specific recommendations for animal testing. There are also strict rules for animal testing, which are spelled out in a Directive for the protection of animals used for scientific purposes first adopted by the European Union in 1986 and revised in 2010 (Directive 2010/63/EU).

DII requires researchers to follow these recommendations and, irrespective of where research projects are carried out, and/or the location of research partners (within or outside the EU), to strive for compliance to these guidelines, with a strong focus on efforts to Replace, Reduce and Refine animal research (the internationally recognized “Triple R”). Researchers should challenge the need to do animal testing and, where possible, use available approaches based on alternative methods.

## **VI. DIPA AWARD**

The 2023 DIPA shall be awarded at the DIPA Award and Lecture Ceremony. The specific location and date shall be determined by the DIPA Selection Committee and communicated to the Laureate and to the Media and Partners.

The Laureate must be present and give a lecture about his/her scientific research project during the Ceremony.

The Laureate shall participate actively in promoting and communicating about the DIPA as well as the preparation of the lecture during the Ceremony.

After the Ceremony, and upon signature of the grant agreement, the Laureate and research institution shall receive the grant provided all conditions are met, and the Laureate’s application has not been revoked.

## **VII. PROMOTION OF THE DIPA AND LAUREATE RESEARCH**

The Laureate receiving the award must commit to give at least one or two additional lectures during congresses, scientific events, or other events (webinars or other social/digital activities) within the 24 months following the DIPA Award and Lecture Ceremony upon request by DII and/or FRM.

A second lecture by the Laureate may be organized in 2023 or 2024, depending on the DII scientific program.

The Laureate authorizes DII and FRM to communicate about the DIPA including the grant and related scientific achievements to their respective scientific communities and other professionals involved in communication, education and teaching.

Any communication and related content will be submitted for prior approval by the Laureate, who agrees to make every effort to respond by the given deadline. The copyrights of material

produced by DII and/or FRM (including, but not exclusively, audio-video recording, publications, on-line conferences, website content) belong to DII and/or FRM.

In the context of the promotion of the DIPA, DII and FRM may use, in their internal and external communication, upon receipt of prior approval by the candidate, the name, photo, credentials, research project and any other information received during the DIPA program related to the finalists and the Laureate. This information includes, but is not limited to, research project content, the research project title, the award name and process.

DII will ask the Laureate to act as its ambassador to promote Alimentation. In that capacity, the Laureate commits to promote the topic of Alimentation and:

- take part in events organized or supported by DII as a speaker or moderator
- participate in DII public relations activities related to Alimentation, the DIPA and other DII projects (including, but not exclusively, press relations, reports, public relations)
- other activities or events may be identified and agreed with the Laureate.

DII will pay for all reasonable expenses related to the Laureate's role as ambassador (e.g., travel, accommodation, subsistence) upon proof of purchase and subject to DII's prior written approval for such expense.

## VIII. **OBLIGATION**

By submitting its application, the Laureate accepts the present Rules and Regulations and agrees to sign an agreement with FRM and DII. FRM and DII reserve the right to revoke the DIPA, including the grant, at any time without notice. The Laureate shall have no right to contest such decision and shall have no claim against DII or FRM regarding the DIPA or the grant.

The Laureate hereby waives acquits and forever releases and agrees to defend and hold harmless DII and FRM, its officer(s), director(s) employee(s), contractor(s), associate(s) and representative(s) from any responsibility or liability whatsoever concerning the DIPA program, including the grant. If DII or FRM decides to revoke the DIPA, it must send written notice to the Jury, upon which the Jury shall select a new Laureate among the pre-selected applicants if DII or FRM so requests.

## IX. **PERSONAL DATA – GDPR**

### A. **Personal Data collected**

While participating in the DIPA, the candidates shall provide DII and FRM with certain personally identifiable information that can be used to contact or identify the candidates (hereinafter "**Personal Data**"), including first and last name, photo, information available through your Curriculum vitae, email and postal address, phone number, or past collaborations and work experience.

DII and/or FRM may need further Personal Data (financial or billing information) from the candidates to manage the candidate's duties and participation in events as an ambassador of DII or FRM.

## **B. Purpose**

DII or FRM may use Personal Data to contact the candidate concerning the DIPA, the selection, award, or any other administrative management of the DIPA, and possibly the candidate's role as an ambassador of DII.

## **C. Retention Policy**

Any collected Personal Data is kept for no longer than is necessary by DII or FRM for the purposes for which it is processed, within the DIPA process. Non-necessary Personal Data collected from candidates that are not in the short-list established by the Committee will be erased after the communication of the first stage results, or after the DIPA if they passed the pre-selection. Personal Data of the Laureate may be kept for the duration of its ambassador status. Such period shall in any case be reasonable and proportionate.

## **D. The candidate's rights**

The candidates may, at any time, decide to retire from the DIPA and stop receiving any information concerning the DIPA from DII or FRM. In any case, the candidate has the right to access Personal Data and correct it, have the right to request that DII or FRM delete Personal Data, to restrict or to object to its processing, and the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority.

To exercise such rights, please contact us at [dipaprize2023@gmail.com](mailto:dipaprize2023@gmail.com)

## **X. OTHER INFORMATION**

Created in 1996, the Danone International Prize for Nutrition, DIPN (now called Danone International Prize for Alimentation, DIPA) was a program organized by a not-for-profit organization (*association régie par la loi du 1er juillet 1901*). In June 2004, this French non-profit organization became the "Danone Institute International Association" ("DII") which aims to promote human health internationally (including in countries where the Danone Institute is not established) by developing and disseminating knowledge about the links between food and health, and to highlight the importance of nutrition in health. DII's registered office is located in France.

"Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale" was created in 1947 serving research and health for over 70 years. The Foundation for Medical Research (FRM) is the largest charitable funder of French medical research on all pathologies. Each year, it supports over 400 new research projects carried out in the laboratories of public research and higher education organizations."



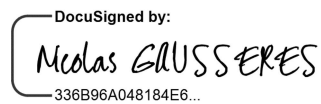
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