



DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR ALIMENTATION 2018 RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. INTRODUCTION

The new Danone International Prize for Alimentation (DIPA) has evolved from the former Danone international Prize for Nutrition (DIPN). The change is in recognition of the need for innovative and collaborative approaches that take account of 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 being opened to mid-career emerging leaders in the field, rewarding pioneering research that spans multiple disciplines and represents a major advance in Alimentation.

The DIPA is awarded jointly by the Danone Institute International (DII) and the French research organisation, the Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale (FRM).

The 2018 DIPA call for applications is open until 15 September 2017.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the DIPA is to encourage and support cutting edge, innovative and multidisciplinary scientific research in Alimentation, the umbrella term for all practices relating to food, including food choice, purchase, preparation, cooking and meal organisation, and their determinants. The award is intended to raise the profile of a mid-career researcher and accelerate his/her career, as well as help develop knowledge on the topic and inspire junior researchers.

The DIPA will recognise the work of a single researcher, or a representative of a research team, who is leading a pioneering and collaborative approach in Alimentation with potential positive impact on public health.

The Prize is open to research scientists from a variety of scientific disciplines within Alimentation, including behavioural science, sociology, anthropology, psychology, environmental science, economics, and cultural studies.

The DIPA aims to:

- advance understanding of Alimentation through cutting edge research
- encourage and inspire pioneering approaches that integrate nutrition research into lifestyle, cultural and socio-economic aspects

- boost collaboration between the different disciplines affecting nutrition, from anthropology to economics
- support talented and highly motivated mid-career researchers whose work contributes to scientific excellence in the field of Alimentation.

The research may be of any aspect of Alimentation but should be across disciplines, Laureates of the Prize are rewarded for their multidimensional approach in Alimentation. Hence their research must combine several dimensions of Alimentation that should necessarily be addressed together. The Laureates must also be recognised for their research work by their peers, particularly researchers. The Laureates will be chosen for their capacity to think collectively and to cooperate with other researchers and professionals.

Applicants must be mid-career scientists, employed by a not-for-profit institution and actively involved in research at the time of the award selection.

Associated keywords: alimentation, healthy eating behaviours, public health, societal, behavioural, socio-anthropological approaches to food and nutrition, innovative collaborative and multidisciplinary, practices relating to food and their determinants

III. **SPONSORSHIP AND FREQUENCY**

The DIPA award is €100,000 and is awarded every two years by the DII and the FRM.

IV. **AWARD**

Of the €100,000 Prize, 75% will be granted for an Alimentation research project. The Laureate should be directly involved in that project and it should be under the auspices of a non-profit organization. The remaining 25% of the Prize will be granted individually to the Laureate.

V. **ORGANISATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS**

A. Organisation

The DIPA process is a two-phase process and is based on two main components:

- The Prize Committee
- The Jury

Prize committee

A Prize Committee will review eligible applications and draw up a short-list of applicants. Short-listed applicants will be asked to submit a full application which will then be subjected to another round of evaluation by the Prize Jury.

The Prize Committee will comprise DII scientific board members and one representative of the FRM. The Committee's duties are to:

- validate the Prize rules and timeline

- appoint the members of the Jury, according to the expertise needed to evaluate the pre-selected proposals
- select a list (around 10) of application proposals to be completed by the applicant before being sent to the Jury.

Jury

The Jury is chaired by an internationally renowned scientist appointed by the Committee. The Jury selects the Laureate from the short-list of applicants drawn up by the Prize Committee. The Jury comprises up to six members:

- the President of the Jury
- the President of the Prize Committee
- a researcher appointed by FRM
- two to three scientific/nutrition/societal/public health association representatives chosen by the Prize Committee for their expertise in Alimentation.

The Jury's duties are to:

- select the winner
- award the Prize

In the case of a tie, the Chair's vote counts as two votes. Decisions of the Jury are final. The Jury will take into account the relevance to public health and the innovative and multidisciplinary nature of the research approach.

B. Application process: a two-stage process

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

Applicants will first have to submit a "first short application" comprising:

1. Curriculum vitae (CV) of their scientific career (maximum four pages in pdf format)
2. An overview of their research work together with:
 - o a summary of work in progress
 - o a brief description of future planned projects
 - o a proposal of related key words for the submitted work
 - o a paragraph describing the scientific rationale for the application (maximum three pages in pdf format)
3. A one-page letter explaining how their current research work and future research plans fit with the purpose of the DIPA, including a description of how the work represents a major advance in the topic and pointing out the multidisciplinary and collaborative aspects of the approach used and its potential impact
4. A list of five to ten publications documenting the applicant's past research

The closing date for applications is 15 September 2017.

After pre-selection by the Prize Committee, 10 short-listed applicants will be contacted again (in November 2017) and invited to submit a full proposal containing the following documents:

1. A list of 10 to 15 publications documenting the applicant's research, including the most recent publications. All research related to the "major advance in nutrition science" must be published in the public domain, in English
2. Of these 10 to 15 publications, complete pdf files of five of the most relevant publications
3. A detailed CV of the applicant (four pages, describing the main achievements in education, appointments, membership of committees and associations, PhD tutoring, self-funding ID and scientific management and a 10-year track record)
4. A 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
5. A short video (in English, maximum five minutes, mpeg format), presenting:
 - o the applicant and the research work
 - o the major advance in the topic achieved by the research
 - o the multidisciplinary and collaborative aspects of the approach
 - o the importance of the DIPA including the applicant's interest on 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: dipaprize2018@gmail.com.

C. Selection criteria

Eligible submissions shall be reviewed on the basis of the following criteria:

- Fit with the purpose of the DIPA:
 - o Contribution to the development of a holistic vision of Alimentation
 - o Success in linking different disciplines, promotion of transdisciplinary research.
- Scientific achievements:
 - o Originality and innovation of scientific contribution (subjects, methodology, collaboration, etc.)
 - o Recognition of the research by peers.
- Potential outcomes:
 - o Potential practical outcomes of research work
 - o Recognised leadership skills, capacity for networking and role in the research community (contribution to creating, organising, leading and developing researchers' communities around important topics)
 - o Advocacy, mobilisation and commitment to Alimentation. Proven interest and ability to engage with and spread messages to other audiences.
- Interest and suitability to be an ambassador of the DIPA for the promotion of Alimentation.

D. Eligibility

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

- The applicants must:
 - o belong to a non-profit organisation
 - o currently take an active part in research work
 - o have been conducting research for 10 to 20 years
 - o benefit from a certain degree of recognition from their peers beyond their national border (including, but not exclusively, through the number and quality of publications in peer reviewed journals or books, talks, conferences, etc.)
 - o have a proven interest and ability to engage with and spread messages to their peers and other audiences.
- Their research work:
 - o contributes to a better understanding of Alimentation
 - o combines several dimensions of Alimentation (e.g. behavioural, socioeconomic, public health, cultural factors)
 - o is interdisciplinary: links and integrates different disciplines (e.g. anthropology, sociology, psychology)
 - o is rigorous and innovative.

Eligibility is not subject to any geographical limitation in terms of nationality or focus of work.

VI. POLICY ON ANIMAL TESTING

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

International bodies such as the World Organisation 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).

The DII requires researchers to follow these recommendations and, irrespective of where 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 recognised "Triple R"). Researchers should challenge the need to do animal testing and, where possible, use available approaches based on alternative methods.

VII. AWARDING THE PRIZE

The 2018 DIPA will be awarded at the American Society for Nutrition (ASN) annual scientific meeting, in June 2018.

The President of the Prize Committee, the President of the Jury, a representative of FRM and a representative of Danone will award the Prize.

The Laureate must be present at the Prize award ceremony and give a lecture about his/her scientific research work.

The Laureate will participate actively in the communications associated with the award and in the preparation of the lecture during the award ceremony.

VIII. PROMOTION OF THE DIPA AND PRIZE LAUREATE WORK

It is a condition of the award that the Laureate is committed to give at least one/two additional lectures during congresses, scientific events or other events.

A second lecture by the Laureate may be organised in 2018 or 2019, depending on the DII scientific programme. Moreover, the DII will support the Laureate and the DIPA through congresses, events or other relevant activities (webinars or other social/digital activities) within the 24 months following the award ceremony.

The Laureate authorises the DII and the FRM to communicate about the Prize and related scientific achievements to the scientific community and other professionals involved in communication, education and teaching.

Any communication and related content will be submitted for the approval of the Prize Laureate, who agrees to make every effort to respond by the given deadline. The copyrights of material produced by the DII (including, but not exclusively, audio-video recording, publications, on-line conferences, website content) belong to the DII.

In the context of the promotion of the Prize, the DII and the FRM may also communicate to the press and the general public on the Laureate, the research and the award name and process.

Danone reserves the right to communicate its involvement in the DII and therefore in the DIPA. The promotion of the Prize will be independent of any product communication.

The Laureate agrees to acknowledge the DIPA in any communication and publication resulting from research projects supported by the Prize.

The 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 organised or supported by the 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 Prize Laureate.

The DII will pay for all reasonable expenses related to the role of ambassador (e.g. travel, accommodation, subsistence).

IX. OBLIGATION

It is assumed that the Laureate accepts the present Rules and Regulations. The DII, with the FRM, reserves the right under certain circumstances to revoke the award and in those cases, the Jury will

take the final decisions (agree or disagree and, if appropriate, selection of a new Laureate among the pre-selected applicants).

X. OTHER INFORMATION

“Danone Institute International” was incorporated as a not-for-profit organisation on 13 November 2003, under the French law of 1 July 1901. The purpose of the DII includes the promotion of 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.

The registered office of the DII is in France. The Board of Directors of the DII decides on the location of the DIPA award ceremony. Local Danone subsidiaries can act as host and organiser of the award ceremony with the assistance of the local Danone Institute if it exists in that country.

The Prize Committee reserves the right to change the amount of the Prize. The DII, the headquartered of which are in France, is the donor of the Prize.

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