

# DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION 2016 RULES AND REGULATION

#### I. PURPOSE

The DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION recognizes a single researcher or a representative of a research team leading a major advancement in nutrition science, including new concepts and research fields with potential application for human diet and health. The innovative research, including biological mechanisms, disease management, behavior\*, economics, public health, epidemiology or expanding the frontiers of food science and nutrition, are within scope.

The candidate must be employed by a not-for-profit institution and actively involved in research at the time of the award selection.

Under exceptional circumstances, the Prize may be shared between two individuals or teams working on the same innovative research.

\* Cultural, anthropological, social or psychological aspects of human nutrition.

# II. SPONSORSHIP AND FREQUENCY

The DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION is awarded every two years by the Danone Institute (see section 10) and the Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale.

#### III. AWARD

The DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION is € 120 000, and will be shared 50/50 between the laureate and his/her not-for-profit primary research institution. The Prize funds provided to the institution must be used to support nutrition research within the laureate's fields.

#### IV. ORGANIZATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

The DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION process has three components:

- The Prize Committee
- The Nominators
- The Jury



#### The Prize Committee

The Prize Committee is composed of seven members from the Danone Institute International and other individuals appointed by the Board.

#### The 2016 Prize Committee is:

- O. Goulet, MD, PhD (France, Chair)
- T. Atinmo, MD, PhD (Nigeria)
- A. Gil, PhD (Spain)
- V. Lemarchandel, PhD (Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale, France)
- R. Shamir, MD (Israël)
- K. Tappenden, PhD (USA)
- D. Waitzberg, PhD (Brazil)

## The Prize Committee is responsible for:

- soliciting nomination from around the world
- compiling and selecting a short list (around ten) of nomination proposals to be sent to the Jury,
- selecting the Jury members according to the expertise needed to evaluate the nominees

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

#### The Nominators

An application should be submitted by the Nominator.

The role of a Nominator is to propose outstanding individuals (single researcher or representative of a team) for the Prize, and complete the required form (one form per nominee) with:

- contact information,
- a description of the major advancement in nutrition science, including new concepts and research new fields with its potential application for human diet and health, and related key-words,
- a paragraph describing the scientific rationale for the nomination,
- a short list of 10 to 15 publications documenting the nominee's research leading to a major advancement in nutrition science, including the most recent publications (All research related to the "major advance in nutrition science" must be published in the public domain, in English)
- Of these 10 to 15 publications, complete pdf files of five of the most relevant publications
- A detailed academic CV of the Nominee (4 pages, detailing the main achievements on education, appointments, members of Committees and Associations, PhD tutoring, selffunding ID and scientific management and a 10-year track record)

Nominations are due on or before April, 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



The Prize secretary will make sure that the nomination files are complete before presenting them to the Prize Committee for the preselection.

# The Jury

The jury consists of up to 9 members including one member of the Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale, and is appointed by the Prize Committee.

No more than 50% of the Jury members are members of the Danone Institute International or the Danone Institutes. The Jury selects one laureate (and two alternatives) by secret majority vote. In case of a tie, the Chair's vote counts as two votes. Decisions of the Jury are final. The Jury will pay attention to the relevance for nutrition and for academia.

#### V. AWARD OF THE PRIZE

The 2016 DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION will be awarded in San Diego, in April 2016, in conjunction with the Experimental Biology Congress. It will be presented to the Laureate by the chairs of the Jury and Prize Committee, the President of the Danone Institute International and/or the Chief Executive Officer of Danone and the President of the French Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale.

The Prize's laureate must be present at the Prize award ceremony and present a lecture about his/her scientific contribution.

## VI. PROMOTION OF THE WORK OF THE LAUREATE

The 2016 Prize's laureate will be announced in conjunction with the Experimental Biology Congress, to be held in San Diego, USA, in April 2016.

The Laureate will present a lecture on the development of his/her major advancement in nutrition research at the Congress.

A second lecture of the laureate will be organized during the 21<sup>st</sup> International Nutrition Congress, to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in October 2017.

Moreover, Danone Institute International will support Laureate and Prize through lectures within the following 24 months of the award ceremony.

The laureate will provide his/her authorization for the publication of an online conference.

The Prize Laureate authorizes the Danone Institute International and the Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale to communicate about the Prize and related scientific achievements with the scientific community and other professionals involved in education and teaching.

Any communication and related content will be submitted for the approval of the Prize laureate. The copyrights of material produced by Danone Institute International (audio-video recording, publications, on-line conferences, web site content, etc.) belong to Danone Institute International.

# VII. ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURE

The laureate should provide a one page general research plan, as to how he/she plans to use the research money which is 50% of the Award (see section 3).

The laureate should be present to give the acceptance lecture, at the Experimental Biology Congress, in San Diego, USA, in April 2016 (see section 5).



The laureate should be present to give a lecture during the 21<sup>st</sup> International Congress of Nutrition the 21<sup>st</sup> International Nutrition Congress, to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in October 2017 (see section 6).

#### VIII. PROMOTION OF THE PRIZE

The 2016 DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION Laureate will be announced in major scientific and nutrition journals (paper or web version). 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 agrees to acknowledge the DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION in any communication and publication resulting from research projects supported by the Prize.

#### IX. THE LAUREATE

It is understood that the Prize Laureate accepts the present Rules and Regulations, as specified in paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8. Danone Institute International, with the Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale, reserve the right under certain circumstances to revoke the award and in those cases, the Jury will take the final decisions (agree or disagree and selection of a new laureate among the pre-selected alternatives (see section 4).

## X. OTHER INFORMATION

On November 13, 2003, the not-for-profit organization "Danone Institute International", was incorporated under the French law of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1901. The purpose of the Danone Institute International is, among others, 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 human health, and to highlight the importance of nutrition in human health.

The registered office of the DANONE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NUTRITION is located in France. The Board of Directors of Danone Institute International decides, on 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.

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

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