



## ACTERIA Prizes Rules

The ACTERIA Prizes are awarded by the European Federation of Immunological Societies (**EFIS**) every 3 years to distinguish high potential early career and their outstanding scientific achievements in fundamental immunology and allergology.

### 1. The ACTERIA Prizes

**1.1.** There shall be 4 prizes for early career researchers, 2 each in Immunology and Allergology, of which 1 each for the best doctoral theses in the last 3 years prior to the awards (**ACTERIA Doctoral Thesis Prizes**) and 1 each for the best early career research, whereby early career shall include up to 10 years after PhD (**ACTERIA Early Career Research Prizes**). The term “best” shall stand for and mean an outstanding achievement as shall be further defined by the prize committee as to Section 4.2 below.

**1.2.** The ACTERIA Prizes shall be awarded for the first time at the 2013 International Congress of Immunology (**ICI**) in Milano and thereafter at the tri annual European Congress of Immunology (**ECI**) organized by EFIS, starting 2015 in Vienna.

**1.3.** FONDATION ACTERIA shall award each of the ACTERIA Doctoral Thesis Prizes with EURO 15,000 and each of the ACTERIA Early Career Research Prizes with EURO 30,000.

**1.4.** The prize winners shall be plenary speakers at the awarding ECI and shall generally also be speakers in Switzerland at the following annual congress of the Swiss Society of Allergology and Immunology (**SSAI**). For the first time awards, the prize winners shall speak at the 2013 ICI in Milano and the 2014 SSAI congress.

**1.5.** The awardees are eligible by FONDATION ACTERIA for grants to post award research projects performed in an institute from a European country, whereby a European country shall be understood in the broadest sense as those where an immunological or allegorolical society is affiliated to the EFIS, and which grants shall be arranged and made by FONDATION ACTERIA pursuant to its terms and rules.

### 2. Conditions

**2.1.** The ACTERIA Doctoral Thesis Prizes shall honour theses performed in an institute from a European country in the last 3 years before the award. A European country is understood in the broadest sense as those where an immunological or allergological society is affiliated to the EFIS.

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**2.2.** Young immunologists and allergologists may receive the ACTERIA Early Career Research Prizes for research performed within 10 years after PhD the latest, if they are affiliated to a European institute in the same meaning as above, or if the work to be recognized has been performed largely in one such institute.

### 3. Nominations

**3.1.** EFIS shall announce the ACTERIA Prizes to national societies in October and December before each ECI year. The first time prizes shall be announced by EFIS to national societies until the end of December 2012 the latest.

**3.2.** Nominations for the ACTERIA Prizes must be received by the EFIS office by the end of January of the ECI year the latest. Nominations for the first time prizes shall be received by the EFIS office by the end of February 2013. Nominations shall be made electronically only and shall be submitted to EFIS.

**3.3.** Nominations must be submitted by an EFIS member society in good standing. EFIS board members are not eligible to make nominations and cannot be nominated.

**3.4.** Nominations shall include the following material:

- ⇒ A Nomination Letter establishing the merits of the work to be honoured and the qualifications of the candidate, with attached CV including website link and a list of publications of the candidate (for publication on FONDATION ACTERIA's website).
- ⇒ An Application Form describing the thesis in the case of the ACTERIA Doctoral Thesis Prizes or the work done by the candidate during and post thesis work for the ACTERIA Early Career Research Prizes, and also describing the research project eligible for post award research grants and its feasibility.
- ⇒ A statement certifying that the work to be honoured has received appropriate ethical approval.

### 4. Selection

**4.1.** The EFIS shall set up a prize committee chaired by an EFIS representative.

**4.2.** The prize committee shall have 5 members, including one EFIS representative and one SSAI representative and three independent members nominated by FONDATION ACTERIA. The prize committee shall be balanced in terms of geographical representation; it shall also ensure that members' expertise covers both immunological and allergological expertise, wherefore at least two members shall be allergological experts.

**4.3.** The prize committee shall receive all nominations in full and it shall deliberate only

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on such applications that are made in accordance with Sections 3.3 and 3.4 hereabove.

**4.5.** The prize committee shall meet and communicate in the two months following the deadline for nominations the results of its deliberations, including a shortlist of the 3 best rated nominations in each prize category, to FONDATION ACTERIA which shall communicate its decision to EFIS until the end of April of the ECI year the latest.

## **5. Prize communication**

**5.1.** The EFIS and FONDATION ACTERIA shall website announce the ACTERIA Prizes winners in the April/May time scale.

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