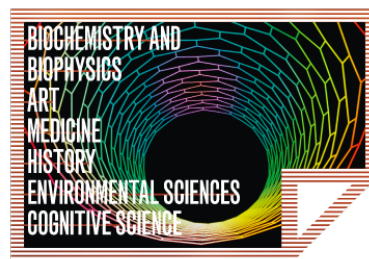




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## Regulations governing the Heineken Prizes for science (2018)

### Article 1: Description of the science prizes

1. Once every two years (in even years), the foundations referred to per prize make available the following international science prizes – the Heineken Prizes for science:
  - a. The Dr H.P. Heineken Prize for Biochemistry and Biophysics, including microbiology and the physiology of seed germination. This prize is made available by the Dr H.P. Heineken Foundation.
  - b. The Dr A.H. Heineken Prize for History; in recognition of an important contribution to our knowledge and understanding of history and as encouragement for further scholarly pursuit. This prize is made available by the Dr A.H. Heineken Foundation for History.
  - c. The Dr A.H. Heineken Prize for Medicine; for an achievement that has led or is expected to lead to important advances in medical treatment. This prize is made available by the Dr A.H. Heineken Foundation for Medicine.
  - d. The Dr A.H. Heineken Prize for the Environmental Sciences; research in the natural sciences, technical sciences or behavioural and social sciences leading to outstanding achievement in the environmental sciences. This prize is made available by the Dr A.H. Heineken Foundation for the Environmental Sciences.
  - e. The C.L. de Carvalho-Heineken Prize for Cognitive Sciences. A multidisciplinary contribution to our knowledge and understanding of the mechanisms and processes that underpin the cognitive functions of humans and animals. This prize is made available by the C.L. de Carvalho-Heineken Foundation for the Cognitive Sciences.
2. The Heineken Prizes for science are worth two hundred thousand US dollars each. The prizes will be awarded to natural persons who, in the assessment of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences [*Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie voor Wetenschappen, KNAW*], merit the prize for their outstanding achievement in the field in question. Moreover, they are intended for active researchers whose scientific work promises much for the future.

### Article 2: Tasks and composition of juries for science prizes

1. The Academy Board appoints a jury of at least seven and no more than nine members for each field of science. The jury has the task of advising the Academy Board on persons who are eligible for the Heineken Prizes for science.
2. Jury chairpersons are preferably Academy members. A maximum of four jury members are international experts. A member of The Young Academy on each jury is preferred.
3. Jury members are obliged to observe the Academy's Conflicts of Interest Code of Conduct relating to Prizes, Memberships and Subsidies. They may not submit nominations themselves.
4. Jury members are appointed for a term of three selection rounds with the possibility of reappointment for another term of no more than three selection rounds.
5. Every jury has a retirement schedule, so that new jury members can be added at every selection round. New jury members (except the chairperson) are nominated by the chairperson for appointment by the Academy board.
6. Any vacancies that arise between rounds will be filled as quickly as possible.
7. The Academy will appoint one executive secretary to each jury.
8. The chairperson of the Heineken Foundation may attend jury meetings as an observer.

### **Article 3: Call for nominations for science prizes**

1. The following persons and institutions will be invited to recommend persons eligible to receive one of the Heineken Prizes for science to the Academy Board.
  - a. Ordinary members, foreign members and corresponding members of the Academy.
  - b. Boards, deans and individual researchers at universities in the Netherlands.
  - c. Academies and other scientific institutions abroad.
  - d. The board of the Dutch Network of Women Professors (*Landelijk Netwerk Vrouwelijke Hoogleraren*).
  - e. Other scientific organisations.
2. Nominations must be submitted by e-mail in English using the nomination form with the obligatory enclosures. A nomination is considered to have been submitted when the nominator receives confirmation of receipt from the Academy
3. Nominations must be submitted to [hp@knav.nl](mailto:hp@knav.nl) before 15 October at midnight in the year before the prizes are presented.
4. If the nomination is not received within the period referred to in paragraph 3, the nomination will not be dealt with.

### **Article 4: Assessment of the science prizes**

1. The assessment of what is stated in Article 1, paragraph 2, will be made on the basis of the following criteria:
  - a. Qualitative achievement, including the nominee's contribution to a particular scientific discipline, international reputation, ability to attract young researchers, and valorisation in a broader sense.
  - b. Quantitative achievement, including number of refereed publications/books, H index (or equivalent) ranking, number of grants/prizes received, and number of PhD candidates supervised.

### **Article 5: Selection process for the science prizes**

1. In the first meeting, the juries draw up a shortlist for the Heineken Prizes for science. The juries then obtain referee reports on the candidates on the shortlist. In the second meeting, the laureates being considered for the Heineken Prizes for science are selected.
2. A jury may take decisions during meetings only if more than half of its members are attending.
3. In all cases of voting, decisions will be adopted by the majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, the chairperson will decide.

### **Article 6: Awarding the science prizes**

1. In order to award the Heineken Prizes for Science, each of the five juries will submit a proposal, supported by arguments, to the Academy Board for its approval by no later than February in the year of the presentation.
2. The foundation boards will be informed as soon as possible after the Academy Board has decided on the award of the prizes. The laureates will then be informed and the results will subsequently be made public.

### **Article 7: Presentation of the science prizes**

1. The prizes will be presented during a meeting convened for this purpose by the Academy.
2. The jury chairperson or, if he or she is unable to attend, another jury member will explain the reasons for awarding the prizes.
3. The prizes will be presented by the chairperson of the board of the Heineken Foundation or by another person invited to present the prizes on behalf of the board.

**Article 8: Concluding provisions**

1. In all cases not provided for by these Regulations, the Academy Board will decide.
2. These regulations will take effect on 19 June 2017 and replace the Regulations governing the Heineken Prizes and Heineken Young Scientists Awards, as adopted on 1 April 2015.

These Regulations were adopted in the meeting of the Academy's Executive Board on 1 March 2011 and amended by the Academy Board on 25 February 2013, 13 April 2015 and 19 June 2017.

**Enclosure: Nomination and selection process schedule**

Before the summer of year t-1	Call for nominations
September of year t-1	Call for nominations reminder
October of year t-1	Deadline for submitting nominations
November of year t-1 – February of year t	Selection process by the jury
March of year t	Award decision by the Academy Board
April of year t	Public announcement
September of year t	Prize presentation

*Year t = even years, year t-1 = uneven years*