



**FONDATION JEAN-PIERRE LECOCQ**  
**ACADEMIE DES SCIENCES DE L'INSTITUT DE FRANCE, PARIS**

Strasbourg, March, 2008

Dear Colleague,

The JEAN-PIERRE LECOCQ FOUNDATION is inviting nominations for the JEAN-PIERRE LECOCQ Prize, 2008. This Prize is intended to reward original and significant research work in the field of "Molecular Biology and its Applications" and has been awarded since 1994. The topic for the 2008 Prize is **"The Immune System", Fundamental Research in Cancer and/or Autoimmune Diseases** (basic research of molecular mechanisms underlying the ontogeny and regulation of the immune system).

In the light of your particular knowledge in this field we are pleased to invite you to nominate a candidate (or more) whose name you would like to see put forward as a possible Laureate. The 2008 JEAN-PIERRE LECOCQ Prize will consider work published on the relevant topic up to the end of 2007. **Candidates** may be of **any nationality** and from any laboratory in the public or private sectors, and must have performed their nominated work in France.

The Laureate will be chosen by a Jury presided by the President or Vice-President of the "Academie des Sciences de l'Institut de France".

The 45,000 € Prize to be awarded in November, 2008 will be shared equally in the case of multiple winners. The statutes for the 2008 JEAN-PIERRE LECOCQ Prize and the nomination form are attached.

Your completed proposal (including all requested materials: notably, an argued scientific rationale for merit, the candidate's curriculum vitae and bibliography) should be sent to the address(es) given below and be received prior to **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**. Electronic submissions must be confirmed by the submission form in hard-copy with your signature. May we draw your attention to the fact that the curriculum vitae and the key references should not be more than 3 pages altogether.

We greatly appreciate your efforts in assisting us with this selection process.

Yours sincerely,

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*JEAN-PIERRE LECOCQ Prize*

<http://www.jplecocq-foundation.org/>

The 2008 JEAN-PIERRE LECOCQ Prize (**45,000 €**) will be attributed to one or, possibly, two scientists who will share the prize for outstanding work in the field of **Molecular Biology and its Applications**. The laureate(s) will not be older than **55 years** of age. Every second prize will be attributed to scientists working in France.

The Scientific Council of the JEAN-PIERRE LECOCQ FOUNDATION includes 6 members: Professor Pierre Chambon and Professor Philippe Kourilsky, 2 members of the French Academy of Sciences, 2 members chosen by Transgene.

**NOMINATION PROCEDURE**

The Secretariat of the Scientific Council sends a circular letter to leading scientists in the field asking for nominations of candidates, and the 'Académie des Sciences de l'Institut de France' does the same with its members.

Submissions via E-mail will be accepted under the condition that the signed original nomination form confirmation arrives by the ultimate deadline, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

For the 2008 Prize, **any scientist competent in the above-described field** can be a candidate, but he/she cannot propose him/herself.

- Nominations must be put forward on the enclosed form to be completed by the NOMINATOR, exclusively, together with
  - a *curriculum vitae* of the candidate (no more than **2 pages**) and
  - a list of up to **10 key papers published** by the candidate relevant to the topic of the Prize (maximum **1 page**).

The members of the Jury can propose candidates.

One nominator should designate only one candidate or possibly 2 candidates who will share the Prize for work performed in collaboration.

Nominations are **not** to be **made public**; discretion is requested in obtaining CV and bibliographic materials from the nominee.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

All applications will be considered within the following limits:

- \* There can be no more than two laureates for the JEAN-PIERRE LECOCQ Prize.
- \* The Prize cannot be awarded twice to the same person.
- \* **Candidates** may be of **any nationality** and from any laboratory, in the public and private sectors, and must have performed their nominated work in France **(2008 Prize)**.
- \* Candidates may not be more than 55 years old.
- \* Candidates cannot be members of the French Academy of Sciences.
- \* The Candidate must have made a significant contribution in fundamental research, towards understanding the molecular mechanisms underlying the ontogeny and regulation of the immune system. (2008 Prize)

## THE JURY

The Jury of the JEAN-PIERRE LECOCQ Prize, chaired by the President or Vice-President of the "Académie des Sciences de l'Institut de France", the Vice-President of the jury is the President of the JEAN-PIERRE LECOCQ FOUNDATION Scientific Council. The Jury is composed of

- Members from the 'Académie des Sciences de l'Institut de France'
- Members from the JEAN-PIERRE LECOCQ FOUNDATION Scientific Council.

The final choice of the Laureate is made by the 'Académie des Sciences de l'Institut de France' after proposition of the Jury.

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

The **1994 Prize** was awarded to **Lap-Chee Tsui** and **Francis Collins** in the field of Human Genetic Diseases and the Development of New Therapeutic Approaches.

The **1995 Prize** was awarded to **Staffan Normark** in the field of Molecular Biology of Human Pathogens.

The **1997 Prize** was awarded to **Claude-Agnès Reynaud** and **Jean-Claude Weill** in the field of the Immune System, its ontogeny and regulation.

The **1999 Prize** was awarded to **Arnold Munnich** and **Judith Melki** for their contributions in the field of Human Hereditary Diseases, the genetic mapping and the physiopathology.

The **2001 Prize** was awarded to **Stewart Cole and Camille Locht** in the field of 'Infectious Diseases', the Molecular and Genomic Analysis of Pathogenic Bacteria implicated in tuberculosis, leprosy and pertussis.

The **2002 Prize** was awarded to **Greg Winter and Michael Neuberger** for their contributions to 'Developing Monoclonal Antibodies as Cancer Therapeutic Agents'

The **2004 Prize** was awarded to **Marina Cavazzana-Calvo** and **Philippe Charneau** for 'Applied Research in Gene and/or Cellular Therapy'

The **2006 Prize** was awarded to **Didier Mazel** for his work in 'Applied Research in Infectious Diseases'.

# Nomination Form JEAN-PIERRE LECOCQ PRIZE

Submission form received on :

**CANDIDATE (S)**

**(to be completed by Nominator, exclusively)**

**1. Full name**

**Title and Affiliation**

**Address**

**Nomination of one candidate or possibly two for the same work**

**2. Full name**

**Title and Affiliation**

**Address**

**WORK TO BE REWARDED**

**SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR NOMINATIONS**

**(extra page can be attached)**

**NOMINATOR**

Signature <sup>(1)</sup>

Date

Full name

Title and Affiliation

Address (City, State, ZIP,  
Country)

Telephone:

E-mail:

Fax:

<sup>(1)</sup> mandatory for hardcopy

**ENCLOSED INFORMATION (Nominee's assistance permitted; discretion requested)**

- a) nominee's CV (1 or 2 pages)
- b) list of nominee's relevant key papers (1 page)

The deadline for receipt of the signed original Nomination Form is **April 15<sup>th</sup>**

The Nominator's proposal should not be made public

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