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RELEVANT ORGANISATIONS**

Dear Sir/Madam

PRIZES OF THE SUID-AFRIKAANSE AKADEMIE VIR WETENSKAP EN KUNS IN 2012

Attached please find information relating to the prizes to be awarded by the Akademie in 2012.

It is of the utmost importance to the SA Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns to promote and award excellence. Through its awards strategy the Akademie shows its commitment to the development and enhancement of our country's enormous potential in a variety of fields.

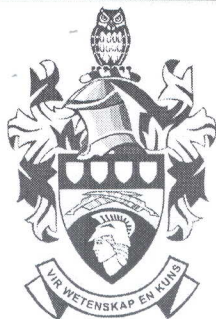
We would be grateful if you could distribute the information to relevant persons/organisations. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Please take care to ensure that when you make copies of the notice, all the pages on both sides are photocopied.

Thank you kindly.

Yours faithfully

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SA AKADEMIE VIR WETENSKAP EN KUNS PRIZES 2012

The Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns is considering the awarding of the following prizes during 2012. Comprehensively documented nominations for any of these prizes are being called for. The following applies to such nominations:

- They should preferably be in Afrikaans.**
- They must be signed by a proposer and a seconder.**
- The nomination must set out clearly why the candidate/organisation concerned is being proposed for the award in question. It must also indicate clearly what specific publications/contributions are regarded as worthy of being crowned with the award.**
- The nomination must be supported by the candidate's latest curriculum vitae and publications list, if applicable.**
- The greatest degree of confidentiality must be maintained. Under NO circumstances must the candidate be made aware that he/she has been nominated for a prize. It has happened in the past that unnecessary expectations were created by mentioning the nomination to potential candidates, a matter which has caused huge embarrassment for the Akademie as well as for the candidate.**
- The decision to award the prize is made by the Board of the Akademie and this decision is final. NO correspondence or consultation will be conducted regarding unsuccessful nominations – neither with the nominator nor the candidate.**

Nominations will be accepted up to 31 January 2012, except where otherwise indicated.

A. HUMANITIES

1. Stals Prize

The Stals Prize for the Humanities is awarded annually for an outstanding publication or a series of outstanding publications preferably, but not exclusively, in Afrikaans. It is awarded for the individual or joint practice of science and/or the production of individual or joint products of a high standard through which exceptional contributions are made to the practice of science. Team achievements or a contribution to a team achievement, multi- and interdisciplinary research and good implementation or evaluation research may also be considered. Work done prior to the year of award will be considered for the award. The following subject areas are eligible for 2012:

- (i) Art Studies; History of Art
- (ii) Psychology
- (iii) Communication Science and Journalism; Library and Information Science
- (iv) Multi- and interdisciplinary team work

2. Markus Viljoen Medal for achievement in Journalism

The prize is awarded every three years for outstanding contribution to journalism in Afrikaans over a period of time, whether in newspapers or in magazines. The prize may be awarded only once to a specific person.

3. C.J. Langenhoven Prize

This prize is awarded every three years for scientific and/or creative work, including lexicography in Afrikaans.

4. Gustav Preller Prize

This prize is awarded every three years for a contribution to the theory of literature, including literary criticism.

5. Medal of Honour for the scientific promotion and development of subjects

The medal is awarded for the scientific promotion and development of a specific subject in any of the education sectors (from early childhood education to higher education). Honorary medals may only be awarded in instances of distinguished performance.

6. Christo Wiese Medal for an Emerging Entrepreneur

The medal is awarded to a candidate for work of outstanding quality.

The following is considered in the choice of a candidate:

- (i) Only South African citizens who are 40 years of age or younger in the year of award are eligible to receive the medal.
- (ii) The medal is awarded to businessmen/women who have had to overcome significant obstacles in order to achieve success.
- (iii) The persons who receives the medal must have exhibited a special quality of entrepreneurship, vision and perseverance as a result of which he/she achieved success as a private entrepreneur in
 - The establishment/building up of a local undertaking(s),
 - The development/marketing of a product or products,
 - The creation of job opportunities and prosperity.

The prize is awarded for successful achievement, but is also regarded as an incentive prize, and can be awarded only once to any particular person.

B. NATURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

7. M.T. Steyn Medal for Natural Sciences and Technical Achievement

This is one of the Academy's most important tributes for leadership at the highest level in the field of the natural sciences and technology. The medal can be regarded as the culmination of a person's life's work and can be awarded only once to any particular person. Only South African citizens are eligible for this prize.

8. Havenga Prize

The Havenga Prize is awarded each year for original research in the natural sciences and/or the field of technology. The prerequisites in the evaluation of candidates are firstly, research publications and secondly, proof of the promotion of Afrikaans. Other achievements in the interests of science will also be taken into account. The prize can be awarded only once to any particular person. In 2012 the following subject areas are eligible:

- (i) Havenga Prize for Technical Sciences (Mathematical, Chemical or Physical Sciences)
- (ii) Havenga Prize for Biological Sciences (for research on living material, excluding humans) (e.g. Agriculture, Biology, Veterinary Science, etc.)

9. FARMOVS Prize for Pharmacology and Medicine Development

The prize is awarded every third year for outstanding contributions to a branch or branches of pharmacology and medicine development. Only one candidate can receive the award.

10. Medal of Honour of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Technology

This medal of honour is awarded in fields not already covered by other awards within the Faculty, to any person who, within the objectives of the Akademie, is regarded as worthy of being honoured with an award. The medal is awarded for achievements and contributions related to the promotion and development of the subject area concerned and can be awarded only in exceptional cases.

11. Medal of Honour for the scientific promotion and development of subjects

The medal is awarded for the scientific promotion and development of a specific subject in any of the education sectors (from early childhood education to higher education). Honorary medals may only be awarded in instances of distinguished performance.

12. Junior Captain Scott Memorial Medal for Animal Sciences

The medal can be awarded each year for the best dissertation submitted at a South African university for an M.Sc. degree, alternately in the animal and plant sciences. In 2012 animal sciences will be eligible for the award.

Closing date: 15 January 2012.

C. ARTS

13. Hertzog Prize for Drama

All drama of outstanding quality in Afrikaans published in the three calendar years preceding the presentation of the award, is eligible for this award.

14. Eugène Marais Prize

The Eugène Marais Prize is awarded for a first or early belletristic publication in Afrikaans. The prize is available each year and can be awarded only once to any particular writer.

15. Tienie Holloway Medal for children's literature

The prize is awarded every three years to the author/illustrator whose publications in Afrikaans throughout this period, are adjudged by the board of the Akademie to be the best in the genre of children's literature. This genre includes books written for children under the age of eight, although this restriction is not applied too rigorously.

16. Elsabe Steenberg Prize for translated child and young adult literature

The prize is awarded every three years for translated work from any language to Afrikaans. The work is aimed at children and teens.

17. Huberte Rupert Prize for Classical Music

The prize can be awarded annually in any field of the classical genre: composition, performing arts or the education of classical music artists including singers. The performing arts include all players of instruments used in classical music: the organ, the piano, the violin, the flute, the trumpet, etc.

18. Medal of Honour for Visual Arts

The Academy's medal of honour is intended to recognise, within the objectives of the Akademie, exceptional achievement in fields that are not purely literary or scientific. The visual arts include the following: painting, sculpture, architecture, weaving, ceramics, mosaics, photography, advertising and animated films.

19. Medal of Honour for Afrikaans Radio Feature Programme

The medal of honour is awarded two times in a cycle of three years, alternately for Afrikaans radio plays (including radio drama series), and Afrikaans radio feature programmes. In 2012 the award will be for an Afrikaans radio feature programme.

Works broadcast by all broadcasting networks in the three calendar years prior to the year of award, will be considered.

Yours faithfully

(w.s.) Prof. J. van der Elst
Chief Executive Officer