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Dear Sir/Madam

PRIZES OF THE SUID-AFRIKAANSE AKADEMIE VIR WETENSKAP EN KUNS IN 2011

The Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns is considering the awarding of the following prizes during 2011. 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 2011, except where otherwise indicated.

A. HUMANITIES

Medal of Honour for the promotion of History

This medal is awarded annually for the promotion of History. To qualify for this award, the successful candidate must have played or must still be playing a dynamic role

- (i) by means of quality publications (books and/or articles) in Afrikaans;
- (ii) by initiating research projects that lead to publications as well as to the completion of M- and D-degrees by students;
- (iii) by active participation and leadership in History societies;
- (iv) by the delivering of papers on topics in History at conferences on a regular basis;
- (v) by membership of the editorial staff of History magazines;
- (vi) by contributing to the development of the teaching of History

Louis Hiemstra Prize for Non-fiction

The prize can be awarded every three years for recognition of a non-fiction work in Afrikaans.

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 2011:

- (i) Stals Prize for Social Work; Nursing
- (ii) Education; Movement Studies; Recreation Studies
- (iii) Geography; Demography; Environmental Science; Town and Regional Planning
- (iv) Stals Prize for Management

D.F. Malan Medal

The medal is regarded as an exceptionally high mark of honour and is awarded only to persons who have produced work of the highest quality in the promotion of the Afrikaans language and culture. The prize is awarded every three years.

D.F. du Toit-Malherbe Prize for Genealogical Research

This prize is awarded every three years for an outstanding publication or series of publications in Afrikaans in the field of Genealogy in the years prior to the year in which the prize is awarded. The publication(s) must provide proof of original research. A copy of the candidate's work that is nominated, must be included with the nomination.

Elizabeth C. Steijn Medal

The medal can be awarded every three years to an Afrikaans-speaking teacher who has done exceptionally well in practical teaching and education in any subject, both inside and outside the classroom.

Toon van den Heever Prize for Jurisprudence

The prize is awarded every three years for original legal works in Afrikaans or full-length articles of outstanding quality in Afrikaans that have appeared in accredited law journals.

B. ARTS
Hertzog Prize for Poetry

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

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.

Academy Prize for Translated Work

The prize is available for awarding every three years for translations into Afrikaans of belletristic work from any other language.

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.

Medal of Honour for Afrikaans documentary television programme

The medal of honour is awarded every three years. In 2011 documentary television programmes will be eligible for consideration. Works broadcast by all broadcasting networks in the three calendar years prior to the year of award will be considered.

Medal of Honour for Dramatic Arts and the Gerhard Beukes Prize

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 medal can be awarded every third year.

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. The medal can be awarded yearly.

C. NATURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

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.

Albert Strating Prize for Preventive Medicine

The prize can be awarded every three years for outstanding contributions to a branch or branches of preventive medicine that can be regarded as significant in the promotion of the health of the community and the prevention of illness. Where two candidates are equally deserving of the prize, membership of the Akademie, SA citizenship and promotion of the Afrikaans language will be decisive factors.

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. Any person, 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.

Junior Captain Scott Memorial Medal

The medal can be awarded each year for the best dissertation submitted to a South African university for an M.Sc. degree, alternately in the animal and plant sciences. In 2011 plant sciences will be eligible for the award.

Closing date: 15 January 2011.

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 2011 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.)

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely

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