

JEAN-MARIE LEHN PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY 2017

Solvay / French Embassy in the Czech Republic

Principle

Solvay and the French Embassy in the Czech Republic organize a competition for a “Jean-Marie Lehn Prize for Chemistry” in 2017. The goal of this competition is to award the best PhD research work in chemistry in the Czech Republic. Every institution of research and higher education in chemistry in the Czech Republic may propose high level candidates, whose research fits into this discipline.

Article 1 **Institutions Involved in the Project of Awarding the Jean-Marie Lehn Prize for Chemistry**

All institutions of research and higher education (Universities and institutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences) may enlist their students in the competition for the “Jean-Marie Lehn Prize for Chemistry”. They have to designate a project coordinator from within the circle of their lecturers and scientists and provide his or her name to the scientific department of the French Embassy in the Czech Republic **at the latest on 31st March 2017**.

Article 2 **Criteria for Selecting Participants**

All students of Czech universities, institutions of higher education and institutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences can take part in the competition provided they fulfill the following conditions:

- Their PhD research is encompassed within the topic defined in Article 1
- They are of Czech or Slovak nationality and **must be no more than 30 years old**
- They have completed their university education at the master’s level and are holders of the academic title Ing., Mgr., MUDr., MVDr., RNDr.
- They are enrolled in a doctorate cycle at an institution of research and higher education participating in the project of awarding the Jean-Marie Lehn Prize for Chemistry or they have defended their PhD dissertation during the 2016/2017 academic year
- Their PhD studies do not collude with any work for Solvay
- They have a scientific article published or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed international periodical

Article 3 **Role of the Coordinator**

The coordinator of the Jean-Marie Lehn Prize for Chemistry 2017 project has the task of organizing the selection of the best participants from the ranks of the students enrolled at the given institution of research and higher education. These candidates will then be entered by the relevant institution in the

nationwide finals of the competition. The coordinator shall verify that individual participants fulfill the conditions for participating in the competition (viz. Article 2). Subsequently, he/she shall give to the French Embassy in the Czech Republic the names and contact information – personal and work – of all candidates entered in the competition (viz. Article 4) **at the latest by 13 April 2017**.

Article 4 Applications to the Nationwide Final Competition

Candidates chosen by individual institutions of research and higher education participating in the project must deliver the complete Application package described in **Annex 1** to the French Embassy in the Czech Republic (scientific department) **at the latest by 31 April 2017**.

Article 5 Organization of the Selection Committee for the Nationwide Finals of the Competition

The selection committee should meet on 22 May 2017 at the Academy of Sciences.

The professional committee should be presided over by Patrick Maestro, Scientific Director at the Solvay company. Further members of this professional selection committee shall be:

- The attaché for scientific and university cooperation of the French Embassy in the Czech Republic
- One representative of each institution of research and higher education from which candidates have been selected

Article 6 Course of the Nationwide Finals of the Competition

Individual applicants shall be invited to orally present – in French or in English – their PhD research to the professional committee. Presentations shall last 10 minutes, followed by another 10 minutes for questions from the selection committee.

After the oral presentation, the selection committee shall proceed with the final deliberations. The evaluation of the commission shall be recorded in the protocol. The laureates of the Jean-Marie Lehn Prize for Chemistry 2017 will be informed of the results of the competition within a week after their presentations.

Article 7 Financial Subsidies for the Jean-Marie Lehn Prize for Chemistry 2017

1st Prize: 65,000 CZK and a stipend for a one-month internship in France

2nd Prize: 40,000 CZK and a stipend for a one-month internship in France

3rd Prize: 25,000 CZK

The financial sums for the Jean-Marie Lehn Prize for Chemistry are gifted by the Solvay Company.

The stipends for the first month of internship are provided by the French Embassy in the Czech Republic. This internship must take place in a French research laboratory, and that at the latest by the end of the year 2018, whereas the choice of the scientific workplace (public laboratory or Solvay's one) at which the student shall realize the internship depends entirely on the student.

A Special Prize for Chemistry will also be awarded in partnership with the Czech Chemical Society (CCS). The winner will be delegated to represent CCS at a congress organised by one of the partner Central European chemical societies; further he/she will win a one-year subscription of the CCS scientific journal Chemické listy.

Article 8 Awarding Ceremony

The official awarding of the Jean-Marie Lehn Prize for Chemistry will take place **on 16 June 2017** at the Buquoy Palace, the seat of the French Embassy, in the presence of His Excellency, the Ambassador of France to the Czech Republic. The awards will be given to the laureates by Professor Jean-Marie Lehn, the Nobel Laureate in Chemistry for 1987. The formal ceremony shall be attended not only by all awarded students, but also by their PhD supervisors and the representatives of the universities, institutions of higher education and institutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences. Students might be invited to cooperate with the media (e.g. interviews) and understand that media materials form ceremonial may be used for marketing purposes.

Article 9 Time Schedule

31 March 2017	Designation of project coordinators at institutions of higher education.
13 April 2017	Through the agency of coordinators, inform the scientific department of the French Embassy in the Czech Republic of the names and contact information of applicants entered for individual institutions of higher education.
31 April 2017	Deadline for sending the complete documentation of applications at the following address : Julie.hallac@ifp.cz.
22 May 2017	Oral presentations by candidates before the professional committee and selection of laureates.
16 June 2017	Official awards ceremony.
At the latest by the beginning of summer 2018	Internship of awarded students in France.

Annex 1: Application Package

Name and Surname:
Date and place of birth:

Personal email:
Personal phone number:
Personal address:

Professional email:
Professional phone number:
Professional address:

Subject of Thesis:
Date of (past or forthcoming) defence:
Year and Faculty of registration:
PhD supervisor(s):
Discipline(s):

The application should also include:

- An academic curriculum vitae, including a list of publications
- A max. 5 page-long, illustrations included, presentation of the applicant's research activities and applicability prospects in English or French
- A max. half-page long summary of the above mentioned presentation with basic information from the aforementioned presentation in Czech and in English or French
- A letter of recommendation written by the applicant's scientific supervisor, presenting both the student and his research work