

European Young Chemist Award 2012

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The European Young Chemist Award 2012 is intended to showcase and recognise the excellent research being carried out by young scientists working in the chemical sciences and will be presented at the 4th EuCheMS Chemistry Congress to be held in Prague from 26-30 August 2012. It will follow the 2006, 2008 and 2010 European Young Chemist Awards held in Budapest, Torino and Nürnberg during the previous editions of the European Chemistry Congresses.

Below are reported the basic points concerning this activity:

APPLICATION

Applicants must submit the following items by e-mail to euchem.award@gmail.com by 05 May 2012 in order to be considered for the award:

1. A completed application form. The applicant has to indicate his/her level of career (e.g. whether he/she is a PhD student, a Post Doc, a Researcher, other).
2. One copy of the abstract of which the applicant is an author or co-author. The same abstract must be submitted separately to the 4th EuCheMS Chemistry Congress. Only abstracts that have been accepted for the Congress will be considered for the award.
3. A description of the research featured in the abstract. No more than two pages, including:
 - The aim of the work and the state of the art.
 - The originality of the work and the specific contribution of the applicant.
 - Significant results and future directions.
4. One or more letters of support for the presented research from an expert in the field. This can be from the applicant thesis advisor and/or another respected scientist.
5. A brief Curriculum Vitae which is no longer than one page.
6. A copy of a document certifying the applicant age. Applicants must be less than 35 years old on 26 August 2012.

CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS

The applications will be reviewed by a panel of Symposia Chairs from the 4th European Chemistry Congress and/or recognised scientific experts. On the basis of their evaluation a number of finalists will be selected. These finalists will be required to deliver a talk on their research at the European Young Chemists Award Competition Session during the Congress in Prague. A panel of judges will then select the award winners. The decision of the judges is final.

The selection process will look for evidence of:

- Excellence in chemistry and related fields
- Originality and independent contribution
- Thoroughness and a depth of understanding of the research area
- Awareness of the future perspectives of their research

DEADLINE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

- Completed applications must be received by 05 May 2012. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Applicants can submit only one application.
- Finalists will be notified by the Award Chairs approximately four weeks before the 4th European Chemistry Congress and will be required to deliver a talk on their research (15 - 20 minutes) at the European Young Chemists Award Competition Session during the Congress in Prague.
- Finalists will also be requested to submit a head/shoulders photograph for display at the Congress.

AIM

This award is intended to honour and encourage younger chemists whose current research displays a high level of excellence and distinction. It seeks to recognise and reward younger chemists of exceptional ability who show promise for substantial future achievements in chemistry-related research fields.

REMUNERATION

The Consiglio Nazionale dei Chimici (CNC) and the Italian Chemical Society (SCI) will sponsor the award. Remuneration should be given by considering two levels of career: the PhD level and the 35 years old level. For each level one Gold, and two Silver Medals will be presented at a special Award Ceremony during the 4th EuCheMS Chemistry Congress. In addition the winners (both gold and silver medals) will receive an amount of money to be soon quantified. The total amount of the prizes including the medals value is about 6000 euro.

RULES

Applicants must:

- Be less than 35 years old at 26 August 2012.
- Participate in the 4th EuCheMS Chemistry Congress as either an author or co-author of the abstract submitted for consideration for the award.
- Be prepared to present, as a finalist, the research orally (15 - 20 minutes) at the European Young Chemists Award Competition Sessions during the Congress.

AWARD ORGANIZATION

Chair: Bruno Pignataro (Italian Chemical Society)

Advisory Board: Viviana Fluxa (EYCN), Cristina Todasca (EYCN), Santiago Gomez Ruiz (EYCN), Csaba Janáky (EYCN)

General Organization: Camillo Sartorio (Italy)

