



JOINT PRIZE

European Physical Society and Acinque S.p.A.

Background

The European Physical Society (EPS in the following) and Acinque S.p.A. (Acinque in the following), jointly the Parties, to honour the memory of Alessandro Volta, one of the most famous scientists in history thanks to his discovery of the voltaic pile (the electric battery), which revolutionised the field of electricity and paved the way for many modern technologies, wish to develop a joint award to promote excellent research and achievement in physics. Set out below are the terms of reference for the creation of this joint prize.

Terms of Reference

1. The prize shall be known as the "**Alessandro Volta**" Prize.
2. The prize is to be awarded **on a bi-annual basis** for outstanding achievements in physics.
3. The prize is to be made to **an individual or a group of not more than three**. The prize will be awarded only on the basis of outstanding achievements in physics without discrimination, including age, sex, race, religion or nationality.
4. The prize will consist of cash award of € **10,000** (ten thousand), contributed by Acinque, as well as a prize diploma and a medal, contributed by the EPS.
5. Acinque guarantees to fund the prize for the three initial editions which are set in years 2025, 2027 and 2029. **Continuation of the Prize after this first three editions will be discussed between the Parties.**
6. The procedure for selection of the prize winner(s) is that not later than six months before the date of presentation, the EPS will make a call for nominations. Nominations will be received by the EPS and reviewed by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will make a proposal to the EPS Executive Committee for endorsement of the prize winner(s). The decision of the EPS Executive Committee will be then transmitted for endorsement to Acinque Governance Board.
7. The Selection Committee will be comprised of:
 - a) the EPS President, who chairs the Selection Committee;
 - b) one EPS Honorary Member;
 - c) one chairperson of an EPS Division or Group;
 - d) one representative of an EPS Associate Member institution;
 - e) one member, who is a scientist, representing Acinque.Members from b) to d) are proposed by the EPS President, member e) is designated by the Acinque President. All members of the Selection Committee shall be endorsed by the EPS Executive Committee for appointment.
8. The announcement of the award will normally take place during the EPS Annual Council Meeting. An awards ceremony will be organised by Acinque in Como (IT), which is the birthplace of Alessandro Volta. Acinque is entitled to subcontract the organisation of the event to third parties.
9. The EPS is responsible for travel and lodging of the prize winner(s) at the EPS Council. Acinque is responsible for travel and lodging of the prize winner(s) at the awards ceremony in Como (IT).



10. Acinque shall also contribute, up to a maximum of € 15,000 (fifteen thousand), to the funding of an international symposium, the scientific and overall organisation of which shall compete to the EPS, to be held in connection with the awards ceremony in Como (IT) on a topic relevant to the subject for which the prize is awarded. No further expenses shall be charged, for any reason whatsoever, to Acinque with respect to the symposium.

THE "ALESSANDRO VOLTA" PRIZE Charter

Background

The European Physical Society (EPS in the following) and Acinque S.p.A. (Acinque in the following), jointly the Parties, have created a joint award to promote excellent research and achievements in physics.

The prize consists of a cash award of € 10,000 (ten thousand), a medal, and a diploma.

The prize will be awarded every other year except differently agreed between the Parties.

Terms

The award shall be made for outstanding achievements in physics. "Outstanding achievements" include discoveries, significant breakthroughs in research, contributions to his/her field of research, research methods, instruments, facilities, etc.

Procedure

The procedure for selection of the prize winner(s) is that not later than six months before the date of presentation, the EPS will make a call for nominations. Nominations will be received by the EPS and reviewed by the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee will make a proposal for endorsement of the prize winner(s) to the EPS Executive Committee. The decision of the EPS Executive Committee will be then transmitted for endorsement to the Acinque Governance Board.

Call for nominations

The EPS will make the call for nominations, using notably its website, its electronic newsletter e-EPS, its bi-monthly magazine Europhysics News (EPN) and communications to its members. Acinque will publish the call for nominations on its website or in any other media it will choose for this scope.

The Parties will supply and make available to each other their respective brand/logo for the sole scope of communication of the prize and visibility, without prejudice to what has already been expressly agreed.

Process for submitting nominations for the "Alessandro Volta" Prize

- There are no restrictions on who can make nominations.
- The nomination should include personal details of the nominee(s), including biographical statement(s), and citation(s) highlighting the work of the nominee(s) and up to three statements of support for the nomination from individuals who are familiar to the work of the nominee(s).
- The Selection Committee will review all nominations and make a recommendation for endorsement to the EPS Executive Committee.
- The prize will be finally endorsed by the EPS Executive Committee, then by the Acinque Governance Board.

Awards ceremony

The announcement of the award will normally take place during the EPS Annual Council Meeting. An awards ceremony will be organised in Como (IT), which is the birthplace of Alessandro Volta, under the responsibility of Acinque.

The EPS is responsible for travel and lodging of the prize winner(s) at the EPS Council.

Acinque is responsible for travel and lodging of the prize winner(s) at the awards ceremony in Como (IT).



Acinque will also contribute, up to a maximum of € 15,000 (fifteen thousand), to the funding of an international symposium, the scientific and overall organisation of which will compete to the EPS, to be held in connection with the awards ceremony in Como (IT) on a topic relevant to the subject for which the prize is awarded.

Visibility

Visibility shall include, in particular with reference to the awards ceremony in Como (IT), communication materials (e.g. website, posters, videos, invitations, etc.), joint press releases, welcome and greeting addresses from both EPS and Acinque top representatives, and local authorities. Due credit shall be given to Acinque as the sustaining partner of the award. The Parties may still agree on additional visibility tools.

Cash Award

The prize will consist of cash award of € 10,000 (ten thousand), contributed by Acinque, as well as a prize diploma and a medal, contributed by the EPS.