

Under Article 8 of the Rules on granting awards and certificates of the National Institute of Chemistry, the Committee for the Pregl Awards of the National Institute of Chemistry is announcing the

**CONTEST
for**

- **the Grand Pregl Award of the National Institute of Chemistry for research work**
- **the Pregl Award of the National Institute of Chemistry for extraordinary achievements**

and inviting all distinguished researchers in the field of chemistry and associated sciences to nominate candidates for these awards.

I

The Grand Pregl Award of the National Institute of Chemistry for research work and the Pregl Award of the National Institute of Chemistry for extraordinary achievements are granted to researchers who have conducted a part of the research that the award relates to within or in collaboration with Slovenian academic or research institutions. The awards are given for the highest achievements in the fields of basic or applicable research on a global level of quality.

The Grand Pregl Award of the National Institute of Chemistry for research work is granted to individuals, while the Pregl Award of the National Institute of Chemistry for extraordinary achievements is granted to individuals or groups of researchers who have made a significant contribution to the extraordinary achievement for which the award is given.

The Grand Pregl Award of the National Institute of Chemistry for research work is granted to internationally recognised researchers for a large body of scientific work that has been achieved in the period of one or several decades.

The Pregl Award of the National Institute of Chemistry for extraordinary achievements is granted in recognition of extraordinary achievements in the last five years prior to applying for the award.

II

In accordance with the Rules on granting awards and certificates of the National Institute of Chemistry, there will be no more than one Grand Pregl Award for research work and no more than two Pregl Awards of the National Chemistry Institute for extraordinary achievements granted in 2011.

III

The Grand Pregl Award of the National Institute of Chemistry for research work comprises a financial reward in the amount of EUR 9,000 and a bust of Friderik Pregl.

The Pregl Award of the National Institute of Chemistry for extraordinary achievements comprises a financial reward in the amount of EUR 3,000 and a medal with an engraved portrait of Friderik Pregl.

IV

The mandatory elements of an application for candidate nominations for the awards are as follows:

- Candidate biography
- Candidate bibliography
- A brief argument signed by the submitter, with one letter of recommendation (the submitter and the author of the letter of recommendation may only suggest one candidate each)
- The candidate's agreement to candidacy
- Copies of original articles and proofs of the significance of the listed works (additional in the application for the Pregl Award for extraordinary achievements)
- A brief description and list of sources for the five most important achievements or awards received, which in the submitter's opinion best demonstrate the candidate's noteworthiness.

The application should be submitted in one copy (in addition to a printed application, it is preferable to include an application in electronic form (PDF format)).

V

The selection of candidates for the awards is conducted by the Committee, which the Scientific Council of the National Institute of Chemistry has appointed from Slovenian researchers in the field of chemistry and associated sciences and which has the following members: President Prof. Dr. Albin Pintar and members Assist. Prof. Janez Mavri, Prof. Dr. Boris Pihlar, Prof. Dr. Romana Rozman and Prof. Dr. Boris Žemva. When selecting the type of award, the Committee is not obliged to follow the submitters' proposals. The Committee may decide not to grant an award.

The Committee's decision will be published at the award ceremony, which is expected to take place at the beginning of June 2011. Award winners will present their achievements at a lecture at the National Institute of Chemistry.

VI

Applications for the Pregl Awards of the National Institute of Chemistry must be sent in no later than 11 April 2011 in one copy to the National Institute of Chemistry, Hajdrihova 19, 1001 Ljubljana, Slovenia marked "Do not open – nomination for the Grand Pregl Award of the National Institute of Chemistry for research work" or "Do not open – nomination for the Pregl Award of the National Institute of Chemistry for extraordinary achievements" and with the address of the sender.

Late applications will not be considered.

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Additional information on the contest is available until the end of the contest. Contact Ms. Brigita Pirc at brigita.pirc@ki.si or +386 1 4760 225.

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Prof. Dr. Albin Pintar
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