



European Molecular Biology Organization

## EMBO Award for Communication in the Life Sciences

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### ***Award description***

The Award is given for outstanding work in the area of public science communication of the life sciences, done by a practising scientist.

### ***Prize***

The sum awarded is 5.000 Euros, accompanied by a silver and gold medal inscribed with the winner's name.

### ***Eligibility***

Eligible are: Scientists working in Europe or Israel at the time of application, who have made an outstanding contribution to the public communication of science via any medium or activity, not necessarily written communication. Candidates must be working in active research at the time of application, and should have done most of their communication work in Europe or Israel. If written works are to be judged with the application, these must have been published in printed form in Europe or Israel by the time of nomination. At least one work must have been published **in the period 2005 – 2007**. Works published in any of the languages of the EU will be considered. However, if a published English translation of the work exists, this should be submitted in preference. Scientists who are already widely regarded as professional communicators will not be considered for the award. Rather the award is intended for scientists who have, while remaining active in laboratory research, risen to the challenge of communicating science to a **non-scientific audience**.

### ***Applications***

*Applications must be written in English.*

Candidates must apply using the **official form** by the deadline of **30 June 2007**. The complete application must be sent to EMBO by post at the address below. The application must include:

- a **letter of support** *in English* of not more than 2 sides A4, from an independent proposer.
- the **curriculum vitae** of the applicant *in English*.
- an **annex** *in English* of not more than 2 sides of A4, in which the applicant may refer to works that support her/his application. These may be any forms of communication and out-reach activities (eg radio and television broadcasts, documentaries, interviews, work in the community, talks in schools, workshops etc). If any of this work is documented in printed form or on the Internet, appropriate references should be given such that the jury can take it into consideration. If video or audio recordings are available they may also be included.
- if applicable, 2 copies each of the applicant's recent written works. Up to 3 articles may be submitted for consideration. If a copy bearing the name of the publication and date of publication is not available, the applicant must submit the text, and indicate where and when the article was published.



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### ***Important***

The applicant must also submit the additional **electronic application form** on our web site (<http://www.embo.org/awards/communications.html>). **Applications will not be considered complete without it!**

### ***Selection of a winner***

Entries will be judged via a multinational jury including the EMBO Science & Society Committee. A winner will be selected. Further awards or recognitions will be made at the discretion of the jury. Preference will be given to recent communication activities that deal with issues of high public interest or concern.

### ***Announcement of the award***

The winner of the award will be contacted in Summer 2007. Following this, a press release announcing the winner will be distributed among the European media, with particular emphasis on the media in the country in which the winner works. The prize will be awarded on Friday, 2 November 2007 during the EMBO/EMBL joint international conference on Science & Society in Heidelberg. The winner will be invited to give a short talk on this occasion. EMBO will pay the winner's travel (APEX air fare if applicable) and accommodation costs to attend the prize giving.

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