

# **The European Microscopy Award (EMAward)**

Two awards are offered by the European Microscopy Society (EMS) and sponsored by JEOL Europe, one for the life sciences, the other for the materials sciences. The value of each prize is € 3,000. The winners of the award will be announced at the European Microscopy Congress (EMC).

Candidates for the prize can be nominated by: an EMS member microscopy society, a group of scientists headed by an EMS member, an individual EMS member or an ECMA member.

Applications should contain: i) a resumé (CV), ii) a list of publications, iii) pdfs of five publications that best support the candidacy (the candidate should be (one of) the leading author(s) of these publications), iv) an appraisal and justification written by the proposer.

Proposals should be received by e-mail at the Secretariat of the EMS before January 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of the EMC.

Candidates will be evaluated by a jury of six members, selected by the Executive Board of EMS in the year preceding the call. The Executive Board of EMS is responsible for the scientific competence of the jury and the jury is responsible for a balanced evaluation of the applications, based on their scientific quality. The materials sciences and the life sciences will be represented in equal numbers in the jury. The President of EMS is the non-voting chairman of the jury. It is left to the discretion of the chairman of the jury to balance and process the evaluations of the individual jury members in the light of their different fields of expertise. The names of the members of the jury will be made public at the EMC.

The prize will be awarded on the basis of the quality and originality of scientific achievements in any field of microscopy, obtained during the five years preceding the application. All modes of microscopy are included. The successful candidates and all proposers will be informed about the decision of the jury at the latest by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the same year.

Each successful candidate will receive free registration at the EMC and will deliver a keynote lecture during a plenary celebration session. The full texts (4-6 pages) of these presentations will be printed in the EMS Yearbook.

An additional objective, but not a condition, of the EMAward is to support scientists at a stage of their career at which the award will have a maximal impact on their future career. Proposers should indicate in their written appraisal and justification the extent to which the award would help to support the professional opportunities of the applicant. The importance of the candidate's work for the advancement of European science should be mentioned. The quality of the scientific work remains the principal criterion for the award.

Microscopy Societies in Europe are requested to make every effort to inform their membership about the prize.