

Announcement and Rules for administration of a MELODI Award

Call 2014

The Board of the MELODI Association has decided to reward annually a young researcher by offering a MELODI Award, to be officially announced at the annual MELODI Workshop.

Objectives

The MELODI Board wants to reward each year one young researcher, active in the domains covered by the activities of the MELODI Association, in order to raise more attention for research in the domain of low doses of ionising radiation in a broader sense, and to stimulate young researchers to be active and to publish in this domain of activities.

The MELODI Award

The Award will consist of 4.000 € (amount fixed annually by the MELODI Board). The financial means will partially have to be used to present the work that allowed to win the MELODI Award at one international conference to be convened between the Board and the winner of the Award; the remainder can be spent according to the convenience of the winner.

Modalities and conditions

As regard to the candidate

- The candidate should be not older than 35 years of age and should have shown his/her excellence in research on the effects of low dose of ionizing radiation, with experience in at least one of the major scientific disciplines of relevance for low dose research of at least 3 years shown by at least 1 major publication in an internationally known peer-reviewed scientific journal.
- The candidate should personally have played a key role in the research presented.

As regard to the research

- The research topic should be in line with the SRA of the MELODI Association and contribute considerably to progress in understanding or in developing at least one aspect of the SRA
- The research should be original and innovative
- The research results should have been published in international, peer reviewed literature or should be in press. The impact factor of the journal will be taken into account during the selection.
- The research has been performed mainly within the European Union and its Associated Countries (i.e. - with science and technology cooperation agreements that involved contributing to the 7th Framework Programme Budget, cfr. http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/who_en.html).

Selection of the candidate

- The Scientific Committee of the MELODI Association will review the applications according to the criteria of the MELODI Award and in accordance to peer reviewing standards. The Scientific committee will recommend the winner of the MELODI Award to the MELODI Governing Board that takes the final decision. Normally only ONE Award will be attributed annually, yet an *ex aequo* is not excluded. The Award Ceremony will be part of the annual MELODI Workshop

- The following criteria will be used in the assessment:
 - CV of the candidate (to verify agreement with conditions mentioned above)
 - For the scientific work:
 - Scientific excellence and respect of scientific methodology
 - Creativity and originality, innovation
 - Pertinence for the MELODI Association
 - Value for the SRA and potential to enlarge the research for the next years to come
 - Compatibility with the general conditions mentioned above
 - A multi-disciplinary approach proves to be an added value
 - Relevant publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals

Research performed in a context of cooperation between various institutes shows an added value, international institutes outside of the European Union and associated countries included.

Practicalities

- The candidates send their application to the MELODI Secretariat via melodi.secretariat@sckcen.be before the deadline mentioned on the MELODI website; the deadline will be strictly applied;
- The application should be written in English, and should include:
 - 1) A motivation letter in which the applicant indicates why he/she considers him/herself eligible
 - 2) A short CV of the candidate of maximum 2 pages
 - 3) A list of scientific publications and presentations
 - 4) A letter of support of the scientific supervisor
 - 5) A short description of the research context, the innovative aspects, the link to the SRA
 - 6) A copy of at least one publication in an international peer reviewed journal, or the text of a publication accepted for publication (proof needed) in an international peer reviewed journal
 - 7) If applicable: an electronic version of the PhD or a more extensive report on the work performed (if Post-doc or multi-disciplinary research project)
 - The above-mentioned documents should be combined into one pdf file when submitting them to the MELODI Secretariat, containing the abovementioned chapters which have to be numbered 1-7.
- The MELODI Secretariat will check the completeness of the application and provide the applicants with a confirmation of receipt and ask for supplementary information if needed.
- The winner will be informed in advance and is requested to confirm his/her presence at the forthcoming MELODI Workshop to guarantee his/her presence at the Awarding Ceremony during the MELODI Workshop. He/she is also requested to prepare a short scientific presentation of 15 minutes to be presented at the Workshop at the occasion of the Awarding Ceremony.
- The winner of the MELODI Award will be allowed to mention this Award in all her/his forthcoming activities where this is relevant, provided that a link to the MELODI website is added. Alternatively, the MELODI Association has the right to freely publish a summary of the winning text and/or material for publicity purposes on any MELODI related carrier it considers useful without written consent from the winner.

AWARD 2014 time schedule:

Application deadline: 2014-06-30

The candidates will be informed about the selection procedure mid-August

The winner will be invited to the MELODI workshop in Barcelona, Spain (October 7-9, 2014), to present his/her scientific work and receive the award.