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Internal rules

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Regulation of the Academy Council of the Czech Academy of Sciences No. 3

of 15 January 2019

on the Academic Award – – Praemium Academiae

The Regulation was sent out on 8 February 2019.

TITLE I:

General provisions

Section 1

Basic provisions

- (1) The Academic Award – Praemium Academiae – established by the Academy Council of the Czech Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as “CAS”), as an instrument for the moral and financial support of scientific excellence at the CAS (hereinafter referred to as “the Academic Award”), is intended for outstanding scientists who are the founders of scientific schools, belong among the best scientists in their fields on an international level, and create prestige for the CAS as a whole.
- (2) Nominated can be only researchers:
 - a) who meet the requirements under (1),
 - b) with centre of activities at CAS institute (hereinafter referred to as “Institute”),
 - c) with full-time employment at the Institute(hereinafter referred to as “Nominee”).
- (3) The Academic Award may be awarded to a researcher only once and may not be awarded for lifetime achievements.

Section 2

Academic Award nominations

- (1) Academic Award nominations (hereinafter referred to as “Nominations”) are submitted by:
 - a) the director of the Institute,
 - b) the president of the Council for Sciences of the CAS.
- (2) The nomination shall contain:
 - a) Nominee information, including professional curriculum vitae,
 - b) details of the scientific activities of the Nominee, including a general outline of the focus of their scientific activities for the next 6 years,
 - c) 6-year budget proposal including justification thereof.

Section 3

Nomination review and grant of the Academic Award

- (1) The nominations are reviewed by the president of the CAS, who for this purpose establishes an ad-hoc advisory committee consisting of leading domestic and generally also foreign experts.
- (2) The nominations are evaluated in the light of the achieved scientific results and the perspective of further scientific contribution by the Nominee.
- (3) The advisory committee under (1) recommends to the president of the CAS a narrower selection of the Nominees from the Nominations. The directors of the Institutes of these Nominees are invited to submit more detailed data, including an outline of their scientific activities for the next 6 year, a budget proposal, and a budget proposal justification.
- (4) After consultation with the Academy Council of the CAS, the president of the CAS provides final decision regarding the Academic Award before 30 June of the given calendar year.

- (5) After the review of the nominations, the president of the CAS provides a decision to the CAS Institute whether the nomination has been approved or not.
- (6) The president of the CAS may award a maximum of three Academic Awards per calendar year.
- (7) The Academic Award is in the form of a certificate with name and surname of the awardee (hereinafter referred to as "Awardee"), date of granting the Award, and signature of the president of the CAS.
- (8) The certificate is awarded by the president of the CAS during an official announcement.
- (9) Together with the Academic Award, the Awardee receives status of a guest of the Academy Assembly of the CAS for the period of duration of Grant under Section 4.

TITLE II

Conditions of financing

Section 4

- (1) Scientific activities of the Awardee are supported by a grant (hereinafter referred to as "Grant").
- (2) The Grant is provided to the Institute in accordance with Regulation of the Academy Council of the CAS on Grants Provided by the Czech Academy of Sciences to the Institutes.
- (3) The Grant amount may not exceed CZK 5,000,000 per calendar year.
- (4) The Grant may be provided for a maximum of 6 years.
- (5) The Grant may cover:
 - a) personal costs of the Awardee and co-workers selected by the Awardee,
 - b) other non-investment costs which are directly related to the scientific activities of the Awardee, except for overhead costs,
 - c) investment costs that are directly related to the scientific activities of the Awardee.
- (6) To govern the rights and obligations relevant during the effective use of the Grant, an agreement is concluded between the CAS, the Winner, and the Institute. The agreement is drawn up such that its effectiveness starts on 1 January of the following year unless prescribed otherwise.

TITLE III

Evaluation

Section 5

- (1) The president of the CAS evaluates the investigation performed through the Winner's scientific activities once per year.
- (2) The Winner's scientific activities are evaluated particularly according to these criteria:
 - a) the quality of the achieved results and outputs,
 - b) the fulfilment of the objectives of the Winner's scientific activities,
 - c) achievement of the purpose of the provided Grant.

Section 6

Report on the investigation for the past period and the final report

- (1) In order to perform the yearly evaluation under Section 5(1), the Institute's director submits to the president of the CAS a report on the investigation performed through the Winner's scientific activities for the past period and does so no later than 31 January unless prescribed otherwise.
- (2) The report under (1) includes:
 - a) a report on budget spending, including an overview of how the Grant funds were used,
 - b) a budget proposal for the following calendar year, which includes its justification,
 - c) bibliographies of all of the Winner's works published in the previous year.
- (3) No later than 31 December of the third calendar year after the calendar year in which the Grant was provided, the Institute's director will submit to the president of the CAS a written report on whether and how the intended purpose within the Winner's scientific activities has been achieved.
- (4) Within 30 days of terminating the provision of the Grant, the Institute's director will submit to the president of the CAS a final report on the investigation of the research program (hereinafter referred to as "the Final Report").
- (5) The Final Report includes:
 - a) a report on the investigation performed through the Winner's scientific activities,
 - b) a report on budget spending, including an overview of how the Grant funds were used,
 - c) a report on whether and how the intended purpose within the Winner's scientific activities has been achieved.
- (6) The reports under (1), (3), and the Final Report are assessed by the president of the CAS in cooperation with the vice-president of the CAS for the relevant scientific field.
- (7) The president of the CAS submits an evaluation report on the basis of the Final Report to the Academy Council of the CAS for approval.
- (8) The Winner will report on his/her results in the form of a public scientific presentation organised by the CAS within the period and in the place specified after prior agreement with the Winner.

Section 7

Common provisions

- (1) The Proposals, reports, and other documents are submitted through the information system of the Head Office of the CAS unless prescribed otherwise.
- (2) The outputs that arise as part of the scientific activities performed by the Winner and supported using the Grant must include the name of the Czech Academy of Sciences and information on the Academic Award –
– Praemium Academiae. The publication results and other relevant outputs that arise as part of the scientific activities performed by the Winner are reported by the Institute in the Automated System of Result Recording (Automatizovaný systém evidence výsledků, ASEP) separately.

Section 8

Repeal provision

Regulation of the Academy Council of the CAS No. 8/2017, on Granting the Academic Award –

– Praemium Academiae – is repealed.

Section 9

Transitional provision

The Academic Award granted under Regulation of the Academy Council of the CAS No. 8/2017, on Granting the Academic Grant – Praemium Academiae – is considered to have been granted in accordance with this Regulation.

Section 10

Effectiveness

This Regulation becomes effective on the date of its publication.

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