

Satzung

Deutsche Bunsen-Gesellschaft für Physikalische Chemie

van 't Hoff Prize

Terms of reference

The German Bunsen Society for Physical Chemistry (Deutsche Bunsen-Gesellschaft für Physikalische Chemie - DBG) awards the van 't Hoff Prize. The van 't Hoff Prize was established in 2008 by Gerhard Ertl in remembrance of the first Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, Jacobus Henricus van 't Hoff. The prize will normally be considered by a selection panel, which will make a recommendation to the Board of DBG.

Eligibility

The prize is awarded for outstanding and sustained contributions to the field of Physical Chemistry to an active scientist. Suitable candidates of high international visibility in their research field will be evaluated with respect to scientific quality of their research. There are no restrictions on age, nationality or country of residence, but candidates should preferentially come from a German speaking region in Europe. Candidates do not need to be members of the DBG. Members of the selection panel shall not be eligible for the prize during their period of service.

Procedure

- a) A call for nominations will be published in relevant German and international scientific and member's journals, on the DBG internet page and in the Bunsen-Magazin. Nominations from established scientists in the area of Physical Chemistry are welcome and will be solicited for the deadline of October 1.
- b) A selection panel, appointed by the Board of DBG, will evaluate all nominations. It is chaired by the Chair of the Board of DBG and in addition consists three to four appointed international members with an outstanding reputation. The tenure of the appointed members is three years, with a possible extension of three years.
- c) The merits of a particular candidate may be brought to the notice of the selection panel by means of a nomination sent to the DBG. The nomination should be accompanied by a supporting statement describing fully the outstanding contributions made by the candidate, biographical details, including a list of publications and a CV. The nominations received will be evaluated by the panel members who shall have the liberty to request additional information. Self nominations shall not be possible.
- d) The decision of the panel requires approval by the Board of DBG.
- e) The award will consist of a Silver Medal, a Certificate and an amount of €20.000 and will normally be given at the annual meeting of the DBG.

Terms

- a) The van 't Hoff Prize is awarded on a triennial basis.
- b) A prize shall not be awarded if it is considered that the attainments of no candidate reach the required standard.