

Judging

An Award Expert Panel, comprising established international experts, will evaluate duly complete entries according to the following **criteria**:

- Impact of the discovery in terms of contribution to science and/or industrial needs,
- Impact factor of the journal in which the work was published and/or its citation,
- Keynote presentations at international conferences in relation to the discovery,
- Products on the market arising from the discovery.

Each member of the Award Expert Panel will then recommend up to maximum three entries per category with a brief evaluation report for review and decision on the winners by the Award Committee.

The Award Committee will take its decisions on the winning entry in each category in March 2007.

The winners will be notified by the IDF Technical Director at the beginning of April 2007. The Prize award ceremony will take place at the occasion of the first IDF Regional Conference on Fermented Milks - Technology and Nutrition in Moscow/Russia on 17 May 2007. View event details at <http://www.lactose.ru/>

The winners in each category will be asked to deliver an oral presentation and a poster for display at the event.



Value of the Prize

Each of the three prize category winners of the IDF Elie Metchnikoff Prize 2007 will receive the following:

- Sponsorship of travel, subsistence and hotel accommodation in Moscow from 16 to 18 May 2007;
- Free participation at the IDF Regional Conference on Fermented Milks - Technology and Nutrition in Moscow on 17 May 2007;
- A medal and a certificate;
- A prize money of minimum 10.000 Euros*;

* The exact prize money will be determined in January 2007.

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Do you have an outstanding discovery to share?

If you are a scientist who has made one or more outstanding discoveries in microbiology, biotechnology, nutrition and health with regard to fermented milks, step in, submit your entry by **31 January 2007** and win

the IDF Elie Metchnikoff Prize 2007 !



About the IDF Elie Metchnikoff Prize 2007

By launching this initiative, IDF, together with its partner organizations, Institut Pasteur and the International Scientific Association for Probiotics and Prebiotics (ISAPP), pay tribute to Nobel prize winner Prof. Elie Metchnikoff and his founding contribution to a very dynamic and rapidly expanding branch of the dairy industry, namely fermented milks and probiotics for improving nutrition and health worldwide. His famous book titled "The Prolongation of Life" (London, William Heinemann 1907) appeared on the international scene almost one hundred years ago.

Prize Categories and Eligibility

There will be one prize awarded for each of the following three categories:

- **MICROBIOLOGY** of fermented milks including general advancement of microbiological, genetic and molecular biological characterization of lactic acid bacteria and probiotics, host-microbe and microbe-microbe interactions in the gut, methods of identification and safety evaluation of lactic acid bacteria and probiotics; the research work should demonstrate or contribute to the function and role of microorganisms in the milk environment in order to produce healthy food choices;

- **BIOTECHNOLOGY** of fermented milks including new technologies and products and improvement of the quality and characteristics of starter cultures and bacterial concentrates;

- **NUTRITION** and health including the role of milk products as natural source of active ingredients and ideal carriers for probiotics as well as the importance of lactic acid bacteria and probiotics in nutrition and health.

** The award is provided for a specific discovery, or group of discoveries, not necessarily for a career of work.*

** One prize will be awarded for the research outcomes in each of the three fields as identified above, including theoretical and practical achievements.*

** The prizes should be given and will belong to the authors personally but not to the organizations where they work.*

** The winner of each category can be either an individual scientist or a group of up to three scientists representing the same or a different organization.*

** The status and value of the award will be equal for each of the three Prize categories.*

** When awarded to a group of scientists, the Prize money should be equally shared by the winners.*

Application Procedure

Entries can be submitted directly by interested scientists or by third parties wishing to propose a scientist or team of scientists to win the award in any of the three prize categories.

Applicants/proposers are requested to provide :

- Contact details;
- Title and brief summary of the scientific work (abstract of about 300 words);
- Indication of the category (microbiology, biotechnology, nutrition and health) to which the entry relates to;
- Detailed description of discovery and/or novel development of technology, description of work in the form of extended abstract not exceeding 10 pages with appended bibliography, the description should reflect the basic subject of the work, the research results relevant to the chosen category (not less 2/3 of the text) as well as to the adjacent categories, if appropriate, (not exceeding 1/3 of the text), show realization of the results and the perspective of their future use. The emphasis should be on contribution of the discovery to science and/or industrial and consumer needs.

*"Applicants must use an application form that can be downloaded from the official website of the IDF Elie Metchnikoff Prize 2007 at:
<http://EMetchnikoff.fil-idf-pr.com/>"*

All entries must be submitted by Email and in hard copy format to:

Mr. Joerg Seifert

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With a deadline of 31 January 2007

