



International Foundation for Research in Paraplegia

## **IRP / IFP Schellenberg Prize**

# **Regulations**

1. IFP – Internationale Stiftung für Forschung in Paraplegie in Zurich and IRP – Fondation Internationale pour la recherche en paraplegie in Geneva (hereinafter jointly referred to as IRP) support basic and clinical research in the area of neuroprotection / neuroregeneration and spinal cord injury and recovery.
2. In addition to giving grants for research projects and post-doctoral fellowships, selected by an international panel of experts on the basis of a detailed evaluation, IRP has established the IRP / IFP Schellenberg Prize – worth CHF 150'000 annually – in memory of its founder member Ulrich Schellenberg (1939 –2001).
3. The Schellenberg Prize is in principle given annually to a physician or scientist whose work and recent scientific contributions, are highly original and have led to significant advances in the field of spinal cord injury and recovery, neuroprotection / neuroregeneration or rehabilitation.
4. The winner shall use the prize money solely for research by, for example, employing a collaborator and/or financing laboratory costs or equipment. Winners are also expected to submit a financial and scientific report on the use of the Prize money within two years of receiving it.
5. The Schellenberg Prize is internationally promoted amongst the scientific community. Proposals and submissions can also be solicited from individuals and organizations with knowledge of and active in the above-mentioned fields of research. The nominee's dossier must include a description of principal results obtained, one or more recent articles as well as a current CV and a list of articles published in the last five years.
6. IRP attributes the award on the basis of the IRP/IFP Schellenberg Prize Jury's recommendation.



7. The Jury consists of five members co-opted from the scientific community. The jury is directed by the chairman of the IRP / IFP Scientific Council. They are named for a three-year period, which can be renewed once. Administrative costs including secretariat, advertising and auditing are covered by IRP.
8. The Prize is awarded with particular consideration of the originality and quality of published research combined with its potential for treating patients. All things being equal, it will be given to young scientists working in Europe who are still developing their careers (junior group leader level). The Prize can be shared between two winners.
9. The award ceremony takes place in Switzerland as part of an event designed to showcase the research in the field of paraplegia, neuroprotection / neuroregeneration or rehabilitation. The prize winner is invited to and expected to be present at the award ceremony.
10. The Prize is attributed by a majority vote of the Jury with the chairman carrying a casting vote.
11. The Jury's decision is final and without appeal. No correspondence will be entered into. By submitting their work, candidates unconditionally accept these rules. IRP can alter the rules at any time in consultation with the Jury. Modifications take effect in the following calendar year.

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