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of academician V.A. Ambartsumian International Science Prize award

I. General statements

- 1.1. With a purpose of perpetuation of the National Hero of Armenia, celebrated scientist academician V.A. Ambartsumian's memory, as well as for the promotion of development of his scientific heritage, the National Hero of Armenia, academician V.A. Ambartsumian International Science Prize has been established by the President of RA as equivalent Drams to 500 000 US dollars.
- 1.2. The academician V.A. Ambartsumian Prize is being awarded by the President of Republic of Armenia.
- 1.3. Suggestions on the academician V.A. Ambartsumian Prize are being presented by the special International Steering Committee attached to the Presidium of NAS RA, the staff of which is being established by the Government of RA by the presentation of the Presidium of NAS RA.
- 1.4. The academician V.A. Ambartsumian Prize includes cash award, diploma of V.A. Ambartsumian Prize winner, honorable mark (medal) and its corresponding certificate.
- 1.5. The academician V.A. Ambartsumian Prize is being awarded to scientists of any country of the world for unique scientific works in the fields of astrophysics, as well as the fields of physics and mathematics adjacent to the scientific activity connected with V.A. Ambartsumian.
- 1.6. To applying for the Prize, a work may be presented by an author or authors' group (not more than 3 persons). The cash award is being equally shared between the applicants, and the diploma, the medal and the certificate are being awarded to each applicant. The Prize may not be awarded to an applicant for the second time.
- 1.7. The Prize is awarded every 2 years and 2010 is considered as the first award year.
- 1.8. In the absence of deserved candidates among the applicants for V.A. Ambartsumian Prize, the mentioned Prize is not being awarded in the given year.

II. Nomination of works for V.A. Ambartsumian Prize request

- 2.1. The right for the nomination of works for V.A. Ambartsumian Prize request is reserved to:
 - Nobel Prize Winners,
 - presidiums of national academies of sciences,
 - scientific councils of astronomical observatories,
 - councils of corresponding departments of universities.
- 2.2. A nomination for the application of V.A. Ambartsumian Prize is not allowed in case if his/her presented work has already won another (major) international prize or at the same time has been presented for another (major) international prize.
- 2.3. Organizations nominating a work for a prize, should present:

- an official nomination letter clearly stating for what achievement(s) the person is being nominated,
- justified description including scientific characteristic of the work and its scientific importance with an appendix of printed or otherwise published scientific works of the applicant,
- detailed information on the author/authors, typically the Curriculum Vitae (CV),
- the list of nominee's scientific publications,
- general annotations with reports of three referees.

III. Rules of consideration of works

- 3.1. Works are considered by the Prize International Steering Committee of 9 persons created by the Government of RA attached to the Presidium of National Academy of Sciences (NAS RA).
- 3.2. 1/3 of personnel of the Committee is being re-elected every 2 years.
- 3.3. The committee submits the selected works for peer review to various international scientific organizations and individual specialists. The results of the review are being described in a justified conclusion. For each nomination at least two independent conclusions must be received. The nominations that receive negative conclusions are not presented to the consideration of the Committee. In the presence of positive and negative reports the work is being submitted for additional review.
- 3.4. On the basis of received documents the Committee defines the winner of V.A. Ambartsumian Prize by secret ballot by 2/3 of Committee members' votes. If by the results of the first phase no applicant receives more than 2/3 of votes, a second vote phase is being held. If more than one applicant receives more than 2/3 of votes, a second phase is also being held on candidature of these applicants.
- 3.5. The decision of the Committee is being confirmed by the President of RA. The sitting of the Committee is regarded as legal if not less than 2/3 of members are present (including the participation by teleconferences).
- 3.6. The Prize is being awarded on September 18 (academician V.A. Ambartsumian's birthday) of each even year at the General Meeting of NAS RA convoked on this occasion. The Prize is being awarded by the President of RA.

IV. Rules of presentation of works

- 4.1. The call for the participation in the contest for V.A. Ambartsumian Prize is being published in the mass media and international scientific journals (including Internet websites) not later than one year before the date of award.
- 4.2. The works with corresponding documents are being presented not later than 6 months after the call.
- 4.3. Works for the Prize are being presented in English.
- 4.4. Documents are being submitted to the Committee at address: 0019, Republic of Armenia, Yerevan, Marshal Baghramyan ave. 24, Presidium of the National Academy of Sciences. V.A. Ambartsumian Prize International Steering Committee.

**V. Maintenance of consideration procedure of documents for
V.A. Ambartsumian Prize nomination**

- 5.1. The division of the Presidium of NAS RA, V.A. Ambartsumian Prize office (with 2 staff members), accomplishes the organizational, information, documentary, and juridical works of the Committee connected with the acceptance, consideration, and review of presented materials for the V.A. Ambartsumian Prize nomination. This division works on actions of maintenance of activities of the Prize Committee.
- 5.2. The financial and material-technical maintenance of the works connected with acceptance, consideration, and review of documents and attached materials, preparation of laureate diploma, medal, and certificate of V.A. Ambartsumian Prize applicants, as well as the organization of the Prize award ceremony is being accomplished by the Presidium of NAS RA, using the budget allocations specified in the budget for these purposes.