

Zilveren Zandlopers

The *Zilveren Zandlopers* are two prizes for new biotechnological projects on *innovation* and *education*. The prizes are awarded every two years: during the even years the Zilveren Zandloper for education is awarded and during the odd years the Zilveren Zandloper for innovation is awarded. The price consists of a small statue and a sum of € 2500. The award ceremony for these two prestigious awards will be held during the NBC.

About the *Zilveren Zandloper*

The goal of the **education award** is 1) to stimulate interest in education in biotechnology or one of its subject areas, and 2) to stimulate educators to make high achievements that contribute positively to the knowledge and shape of views on biotechnology. Candidates for this category are teachers from higher education (WO or HBO) that have contributed in an outstanding way to biotechnology education the last two years. This contribution might be reflected in organizing or initiating of an education activity that has contributed to a better future in biotechnology, or by a special way students are stimulated in biotechnology.

The goal of the **innovation prize** is to stimulate scientific results to develop biotechnological products or services, 2) to encourage scientists and entrepreneurs that have contributed to an important aspect of the biotechnology, and 3) to encourage a positive view on biotechnology.

For this category entrepreneurs or researchers can be nominated that have contributed in an outstanding way to a biotechnological application in research. You can think of setting up a new company, publishing research results in patents, or successfully transferring knowledge from science to the industry.

Additional information:

- Candidates can be nominated by institutions or persons employed in the Dutch industry, research or higher education;
- Candidates for the *Zilveren Zandloper* in the category *education* have to be employed within the biotechnological work field in higher education (HBO/WO);
- Candidates for the *Zilveren Zandloper* in the category *innovation* have to be employed within the work field of biotechnology within companies or research facilities;
- A candidate cannot nominate his/herself;
- Candidates should not be informed about their nomination.

Important dates

- Deadline to propose candidates: 1 March
- Award ceremony: during the NBC

Jury

The jury consists of two members of the board, and other representatives from academia and industry.

More information

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