



## **Call for proposals of the Swierenga Medal**

### **Purpose of the award**

The NRS Swierenga Medal will be awarded by the Professor dr. Jaap Swierenga Foundation under the auspices of the NRS. The medal will be awarded to a highly esteemed individual who is active in the area of respiratory diseases in the broadest sense. This may pertain to a great merit in diagnosis and/or treatment and/or science and research and/or special societal merit in respiratory diseases.

### **The award**

The award will be presented to an individual who has had a huge impact on respiratory diseases in his or her lifetime and is accompanied by a medal and a charter.

### **Application**

One or more candidates can be proposed who have distinguished themselves in a special way in respiratory diseases. A person or a legal institute may send a letter of recommendation explaining why the proposed awardee is a good candidate for the Swierenga medal.

The letter of recommendation can be sent to the Swierenga medal committee, inclusive of a minimum of three persons that can act as a referee, each one from a different university, hospital, institute or similar societal organisation. Documents can be sent to the secretary of the NRS (Maastricht University Medical Centre+, Secretariat Pulmonology attn. Secretariat NRS, PO Box 5800, 6202 AZ Maastricht). The list of proposed candidates will not be published.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

After examination if the merits of the candidates are in the field of diagnosis or treatment and/or science and/or societal impact in the area of lung diseases, the candidates will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Professional work
- Comments of the referees
- Societal importance for the Netherlands

### **Procedure**

The evaluation committee exists of three members who are appointed by the Board of the NRS.

These are members of the following background:

- 1) The chair of the Board of the Professor dr. Jaap Swierenga Foundation;
- 2) One of the past recipients of the award;
- 3) A person outside of the field of respiratory diseases with large societal and/or professional status.

Members of the committee will be appointed for a period of three years and can be appointed for a second period of three years.

The Board of the NRS proposes the chair. The committee needs a unity in voting to propose an awardee according to the evaluation procedure. If there is not a suitable candidate, the committee can give a negative advice, i.e. not propose a laureate.

### **Assignment**

The Board of the NRS decides to assign the award based on the advice of the evaluation committee. The selection procedure is confidential and there is no possibility to discuss the selection by correspondence.

### **Time scheme**

The deadline for application is January 13, 2019. The awardee will be proposed by the end of February. The medal will be awarded during the “Longdagen” in April 2019 by a representative of the Professor dr. Jaap Swierenga Foundation.

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