The Hanneke Janssen Memorial Prize

Call for Nominations

The undersigned hereby issue a call for nominations for a new prize in the field of History and Philosophy of Modern Physics:

The Hanneke Janssen Memorial Prize intends to honour the life and work of Hanneke Janssen (1982-2008), who was a brilliant student in this field, until her untimely death in a traffic accident.

The prize - which has been funded by donations through the Hanneke Janssen Memorial Fund - is open to international candidates, for any Thesis submitted for a Master's Degree (or an equivalent thereof), or as a substantial part for obtaining this Master's Degree, in the field of History and Philosophy of Modern Physics.

The prize includes
- A reward of 1000 euros.
- An invitation to give a talk on the topic of the Thesis in Utrecht, Nijmegen and Berlin.
- An invitation to submit an article based on the Thesis to the journal Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics.

Candidates for this prize will be accepted only through nomination by the supervisor(s) of the work, accompanied by a statement motivating the nomination.

The deadline for the 2010 nomination is September 1. The decision will be made by the jury (i.e., the undersigned) by September 15. The award ceremony is scheduled for 11 November 2010 at the Radboud University Nijmegen, or as closely to this date as possible.

For more details we refer to the stipulations included in this letter, and which can also be found here: http://www.ru.nl/snuf/voorzieningen/hanneke-janssen/hanneke-janssen

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Hanneke Janssen Memorial Prize
This prize is founded in memory of Hanneke Janssen to honour her person and her work in the field of history and philosophy of physics, both as a student and as Managing Editor of the journal Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics.

Stipulations 2010

1. Subject
Eligible for the above prize is any thesis, submitted for a Master’s degree, on the subject of History and Philosophy of Modern Physics. The boundaries of this subject are taken in accordance with the scope of the journal Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics, as stated on the website http://ees.elsevier.com/shpmp/: Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics is devoted to all aspects of the history and philosophy of modern physics broadly understood, including physical aspects of astronomy, chemistry and other non-biological sciences. The primary focus is on physics from the mid/late-nineteenth century to the present, the period of emergence of the kind of theoretical physics that has come to dominate the exact sciences in the twentieth century.

2. Prize and participation
2.1 The winner of the prize receives 1000 euro.

2.2 The winner is invited to submit an article, based on the winning thesis, for publication in the journal Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics.

2.3 The winner is invited to give a seminar on the winning thesis at the Institute for Mathematics, Astrophysics and Particle Physics (Radboud University, Nijmegen) and at the Institute for History and Foundations of Science (Utrecht University).

2.4 Participation is open to Master students worldwide, but only through nomination by (one of) the supervisors of the thesis.

2.5 Only theses completed within two academic years before the deadline for submissions (see below) are eligible. Time schedule

- Deadline for submission of nominations: September 1, 2010
- Decision by the jury: September 15, 2010
- Prize ceremony and seminars: at or as close as possible to November 11, 2010
- The prize will be awarded yearly.

3. Requirements
4.1 The thesis must be approved within the period September 1, 2008 – August 31, 2010.

4.2 The thesis must be written in English, and made available to the jury in digital format, preferably as a pdf file.
4.3 The submission must be accompanied by a statement from the supervisor(s) of the thesis motivating the nomination.

4.4 The thesis and nomination are accompanied by the personal data of the author, including an email address, a brief curriculum vitae of the author, and proof that the thesis was approved at the student's University (or other Institution of higher learning) within the mentioned time frame, and the mark received.

4.5 The submission should be send by e-mail to info@snuf.ru.nl with subject “Hanneke Jansen Memorial Prize”.

4. Decision procedure:
The jury consists of

- Dr. J. Uffink (University of Utrecht) (chair)
- Prof. Dr. N.P. Landsman (Radboud University)
- Dr. M.P. Seevinck (Radboud University/University of Utrecht)
- Dr. Ch. Lehner (Max Planck Institute, Berlin)

Secretariat of the jury is held by drs. P.J. van Erp, Nijmegen University Fund

5.1 Submissions will be judged on

- Originality
- Scientific value
- Intellectual depth
- Form and presentation
- Readability

5.2 The jury reserves the right to refuse submissions.

5.3 Participants and nominators will receive written notice about the decision.

5.4 The jury reserves the right to withhold awarding the prize if submissions lack sufficient quality.

5.5 In all cases where these stipulations do not provide, the Chair of the jury will decide.

5. Information
Questions about the procedure and requirements for submission can be directed at the Secretary of the jury:

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