

Press Release

Breakthrough Prize and European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities (ALLEA) Announce Partnership

Partnership Encourages European Nominations for World's Largest Science Prize

April 27, 2017 (San Francisco/Berlin) – The Breakthrough Prize and ALLEA, the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities, today announced a partnership to further the shared goal of promoting a culture where science and scholarship can thrive.

ALLEA brings together 59 academies in more than 40 countries, with members leading scholarly enquiry across all fields of the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities.

For the sixth year, the Breakthrough Prize, recognized as the world's largest science prize, will honor top scientists, handing out up to five prizes in Life Sciences, one in Fundamental Physics and one in Mathematics. Each prize comes with a \$3 million award.

As an international award, the Breakthrough Prize welcomes nominations on behalf of outstanding researchers throughout the world. Starting this year, ALLEA's website and communication channels are raising awareness of the opportunity to nominate great scientists and mathematicians, and directing nominators to the Breakthrough Prize nomination form. All researchers in Europe are encouraged to visit the site and make a nomination on behalf of outstanding scientists and colleagues.

The Breakthrough Prize was founded by Sergey Brin and Anne Wojcicki, Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan, and Yuri and Julia Milner to celebrate achievements in Fundamental Physics, Life Sciences and Mathematics. The awards are presented at an annual globally televised ceremony, followed by a day of lectures and discussions co-sponsored by Stanford University, University of California, Berkeley and University of California, San Francisco. In addition to the Breakthrough Prize, awards for junior researchers in mathematics and physics are also handed out yearly.

To learn more visit, <http://www.allea.org/breakthrough-prize>

About ALLEA (ALL European Academies)

ALLEA, the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities, was founded in 1994 and currently brings together 59 Academies in more than 40 countries from the Council of Europe region. Member Academies operate as learned societies, think tanks and research performing organisations. They are self-governing communities of leaders of scholarly enquiry across all fields of the natural sciences, the social sciences and the humanities. ALLEA therefore provides access to an unparalleled human resource of intellectual excellence, experience and expertise.

Independent from political, commercial and ideological interests, ALLEA's policy work seeks to contribute to improving the framework conditions under which science and scholarship can excel. Jointly with its Member Academies, ALLEA is in a position to address the full range of structural and policy issues facing Europe in science, research and innovation. In doing so, it is guided by a common understanding of Europe bound together by historical, social and political factors as well as for scientific and economic reasons.

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