THE KAVLI PRIZE

THE NORWEGIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND LETTERS

Honorary President HM King Harald V

In 2005 the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters signed an agreement with The Kavli Foundation and the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research to establish the Kavli Prize in astrophysics, nanoscience and neuroscience. The Kavli Prize consists of USD 1 million for each of the scientific fields. In addition to the prize money each of the Laureates receives a scroll and a gold medal. The Kavli Prize was awarded for the first time in 2008 and will thereafter be awarded every two years.

The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters has since 2003 annually awarded the Abel Prize for outstanding scientific work in mathematics. The prize amount is NOK 6 million (approx. EUR 730,000 or USD 1 million).

The Academy

The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, founded in 1857, is a non-governmental, nationwide, and interdisciplinary body which embraces all fields of learning. The main purpose of the Academy is the advancement of science and scholarship in Norway. It provides a national forum of communication within and between the various learned disciplines, and it represents Norwegian science vis-á-vis foreign academies and international organizations.

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The Academy's presidium: Secretary General Øivind Andersen, President Nils Christian Stenseth and Vice-President Øyvind Østerud.

The Academy fulfils these functions by initiating and supporting research projects, by organizing meetings and seminars on topics of current interest, by publishing scientific and scholarly works, and by participating in and nominating representatives to various national and international scientific bodies.

The Academy also has international scientific co-operation agreements with sister academies in the Baltic States, Poland, Hungary, France and Great Britain. The Academy represents Norwegian research internationally in the "International Council for Science" (ICSU), including its many sub-organizations, and in the "Union Académique Internationalé" (UAI), the "European Science Foundation" (ESF) and "ALLEA" (All European Academies).

Members

The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters has both Norwegian and foreign members, as well as honorary members. The members are divided into two sections; Mathematics and Natural Sciences and Humanities and Social Sciences. Each section is divided into eight groups. The Academy had a total of 885 ordinary members by the end of 2009; 478 Norwegian and 407 foreign members. HM King Harald is the Honorary President of the Academy. HM Queen Sonja, HRH Crown Prince Haakon, HRH Crown Princess Mette-Marit and Fred Kavli are honorary members of the Academy.

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