PPD Prize Proposals

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Thesis Prize

- each student writes one, but..
- otherwise less known to community
- lots of time and work involved
- would start next year

Presentation Prize

- encourage participation at congress
- more impact on a student's career (teaching recognition)
- easier
- could start this year

Decision

- comments?
- which?
- amount?
A thesis prize should be set up and awarded yearly at the CAP Congress to the particle physics student having submitted the best Ph.D. thesis in the previous calendar year.

**Goals**

- Encourage students in the field
- Promote awareness of their work
- Further advertise activities of the groups to the community

**Rules**

1) The thesis must have been defended at the local university during the calendar year ending on March 31st before the Congress.

2) The student should be a member of PPD, either theoretical or experimental.

3) Submission to the PPD jury should occur by the end of February.

4) A letter by the thesis supervisor should accompany the submission.

5) There should be at least three (3) submitted thesis for the prize to be given.

6) The thesis should be submitted via electronic form only, via a valid web-site address containing a single ps- or pdf-file of the thesis.

7) The PPD jury of three (3) should be formed by the current past Chair, the current Chair and the future Chair, and be led by the past Chair.

8) The prize (400$) would be awarded at the following Annual Meeting of the Division at the CAP Congress, the notification added to the minutes and sent to all members.

9) The winner should be encouraged to attend the Congress if selected.

10) In case of a draw, the prize could be split at most in two.

**Historical Notes**

- It has been checked with CAP that this is possible and allowed.
- A first draft has been circulated among PPD members (Fall 2001).
- An alternative "PPD Talk Prize" has been suggested.

**Implementation Steps**

- .. as for the presentation prize.
A presentation prize should be set up and awarded yearly at the CAP Congress to the student having given the best talk in the Particle Physics Division part of the congress.

**Goals**

- Encourage students in the field
- Promote awareness of their work
- Further advertise activities of the groups to the community

**Rules**

1. The presentation must be part of the PPD program at the CAP Congress.
2. The student should be a member of PPD, either theoretical or experimental.
3. All such student presentations are automatically candidates to the prize.
4. There should be at least three (3) student presentations for the prize to be given.
5. The PPD jury of three (3) should be formed by the current PPD Chair. It should contain any faculty colleague (and preferably include the Chair himself/herself) to be present at all the PPD sessions.
6. The prize (400$) would be awarded immediately after the last session at the CAP Congress, a cheque sent afterwards to then winner, the notification added to the minutes of the annual meeting and sent to all members.
7. In case of a draw, the prize could be split at most in two.

**Historical Notes**

- It has been checked with CAP that this is possible and allowed.
- This proposal is an alternative to the already proposed "PPD Thesis Prize".

**Implementation Steps**

- The proposal would be distributed by the initiator to the PPD members one month ahead of the PPD annual division meeting at the CAP congress.
- Modifications could be proposed to the initiator by e-mail prior to the meeting.
- Following a very brief summary at the meeting, discussion and vote would take place immediately with the present PPD members.