

Statutes of the awards of the AG

Statute of Honorary Membership

1. The Astronomische Gesellschaft (AG) awards persons the honorary membership, who rendered outstanding services to the interests and aims of astronomy for the purpose of the AG.
2. The award comprises a certificate and the whole life exemption from the membership fee.
3. Proposals for the awarding of Honorary Membership have to be addressed to the President of the AG in written form. All members are authorized to make proposals. It is not possible to propose oneself.
4. The Executive Committee of the AG appraises the proposals and decides on them. The resolution concerning the awarding of honorary membership is not contestable.
5. The awarding takes place in an adequate form.

This statute of the honorary membership of the Astronomische Gesellschaft (AG) was decided on at the 63rd regular meeting of the General Assembly in Munich in 1987.

Statute of the Karl Schwarzschild Lecture

1. The Astronomische Gesellschaft (AG) awards astronomers of distinction by inviting them to the Karl Schwarzschild Lecture.
 2. The award comprises of the "Karl Schwarzschild Medal" and a fee.
 3. The Executive Committee nominates the laureate of the Karl Schwarzschild Lecture. This decision is not contestable.
 4. The Karl Schwarzschild Lecture is part of the scientific programme of every AG conference (usually of the annual fall meeting) and is printed.
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Statute of the Ludwig Biermann Award

1. The Astronomische Gesellschaft (AG) awards the Ludwig Biermann Award as travel sponsorship to an outstanding young astronomer.
2. The award consists of a prize money of 3.000 € and a certificate.
3. Usually, it is awarded once a year.
4. Usually, one can propose candidates who received their PhD degree no longer than six years ago.
5. Proposals have to be addressed to the President of the AG in written form subject to the determined term. All members are authorized to make proposals. It is not possible to propose oneself.

6. The prize is awarded on the occasion of the spring or annual fall meeting. The laureate pledges himself/herself to present his/her work in a lecture at the conference and to submit a written composition of the lecture within three months which will be published in the "Reviews in Modern Astronomy".
7. The jury is the Executive Committee. At least two external expert reports have to be obtained.
8. The resolutions of the jury about the award are not contestable.

This statute of the Ludwig Biermann Award of the Astronomische Gesellschaft (AG) was decided on at the 63rd regular meeting of the General Assembly in Munich in 1987. In the version above, it was decided on at the 82nd regular meeting of the General Assembly in Potsdam in 2009. Paragraph 2 was altered by the Executive Committee at September 23rd, 2013.

Statute of the Bruno H. Bürgel Prize

1. The Astronomische Gesellschaft (AG) awards the Bruno H. Bürgel Prize excellent popular representations of latest results in the field of astronomy in German in the media (e.g. printing, radio and TV).
2. The award consists of a prize money of 2.000 € and a certificate.
3. The prize can be awarded biennially.
4. Proposals have to be addressed to the President of the AG in written form subject to the determined term.
All members are authorized to make proposals. It is not possible to propose oneself.
5. The jury consists of a member of the Executive Committee, a professional astronomer, who is not on the Executive Committee, a professional journalist and an educationalist.
The Executive Committee determines the members of the jury and initiates the announcement in the AG circulars.
6. The resolutions of the jury about the award are not contestable.

This statute of the Bruno H. Bürgel Award of the Astronomische Gesellschaft (AG) was decided on at the 59th regular meeting of the General Assembly in Innsbruck (A) in 1981. Paragraph 2 was altered by the Executive Committee at September 23rd, 2013.

Statute of the Hans-Ludwig Neumann Prize

1. The Astronomische Gesellschaft (AG) awards the Hans-Ludwig Neumann Prize for an outstanding didactical work on astronomical education at school.
2. The award consists of a prize money of 2.000 € and a certificate.
3. The prize can be awarded biennially.
4. Proposals have to be addressed to the President of the AG in written form subject to the determined term.
5. Usually, the prize is awarded at the annual fall meeting of the AG.

6. The jury consists of a representative of the AG, the "Vereinigung der Sternfreunde" (VdS, domicile: Berlin) and the "Physikalischer Verein Frankfurt/Main" each, and of an active teacher, well experienced in astronomical education at school.
All jurors are to prove their experience in the didactic of astronomical education. After voting, they are appointed by the Executive Committee of the AG.
7. The resolutions of the jury about the award are not contestable.

This statute of the Hans-Ludwig Neumann Prize of the Astronomische Gesellschaft (AG) was decided on at the 63rd regular meeting of the General Assembly in Munich in 1987. Paragraph 2 was altered by the Executive Committee at September 23rd, 2013.

Statute of the Doctoral Thesis Award

1. The Astronomische Gesellschaft (AG) awards the Doctoral Thesis Award to a young astronomer for the best PhD thesis of the past year.
2. The award comprises a prize money of 1.000 € and a certificate. The AG bears the laureate's conference fee.
3. The prize is usually awarded once a year.
4. One can propose candidates who received their PhD degree in the past year.
5. Proposals have to be addressed to the President of the AG in written form subject to the determined term. All members are authorized to make proposals. It is not possible to propose oneself. An expertise/laudation of the adviser has to be attached.
6. The prize is awarded on the occasion of the spring or annual fall meeting. The laureate pledges himself/herself to present his/her work in a lecture at the conference and to submit a written composition of the lecture within three months which will be published in the "Reviews in Modern Astronomy".
7. The jury is the Executive Committee. Where appropriate, further jurors can be heard.
8. The resolution of the jury about the award are not contestable.

This statute of the Doctoral Thesis Award of the Astronomische Gesellschaft (AG) was decided on at the 82nd regular meeting of the General Assembly in Potsdam in 2009. Paragraph 2 was altered by the Executive Committee at September 23rd, 2013.

Statute of the Instrument Development Award

1. The Prize is awarded for design, development, construction and/or significant extension of an astronomical instrument that led to remarkable progress in astrophysical research.
2. The award comprises a prize money of 3.000 € and a certificate. The AG bears the laureate's conference fee.
3. The prize can be awarded biennially (usually alternating with the Astrophysical Software Award).
4. Proposals have to be addressed to the President of the AG in written form subject to the determined term.

5. All members of the AG are authorised to make proposals. It is not possible to propose oneself.
6. The prize is awarded on the occasion of the annual fall meeting. The laureate pledges himself/herself to present his/her work in a lecture at the conference.
7. The jury is the Executive Committee. Where appropriate, further jurors can be heard.
8. The resolutions of the jury about the award are not contestable.

The statute of the Instrument Development Award of the Astronomische Gesellschaft (AG) was decided on at the 89th regular meeting of the General Assembly in Bochum in 2016.

Statute of the Astrophysical Software Award

1. The Prize is awarded for design and development of astrophysical computer programs that led to remarkable progress in astrophysical research.
2. The award comprises a prize money of 3.000 € and a certificate. The AG bears the laureate's conference fee.
3. The prize can be awarded biennially (usually alternating with the Instrument Development Award).
4. Proposals have to be addressed to the President of the AG in written form subject to the determined term.
5. All members of the AG are authorised to make proposals. It is not possible to propose oneself.
6. The prize is awarded on the occasion of the annual fall meeting. The laureate pledges himself/herself to present his/her work in a lecture at the conference.
7. The jury is the Executive Committee. Where appropriate, further jurors can be heard.
8. The resolutions of the jury about the award are not contestable.

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