

## H.O. Foundation: Activity Report 2012

26 August 2013

### Activities in 2012:

2012 was the first year with the competition of the Harry Otten Prize (hereafter HOP). A work flow for the selection process has been established, with two telephone conferences held for the pre-selection on 10 February 2012 and the selection of the finalists on 22 May 2012. An evaluation of this work flow led to the decision of the Board to use this work flow also in 2013.

The Foundation received a total of 12 applications. Unfortunately none of the proposals was innovative enough to be considered for the HOP. As a consequence, no finalists and subsequently no prize winner could be presented during the award ceremonies at the EMS Meeting of the European Meteorological Society, held in Łódź, Poland, 12 September 2012. Based on the decision of the jury the proposals 'Wind and Feathers', author: Martijn Koomen (The Netherlands) and 'A proposal to bring weather information to Ghanaians door steps', author: Felicity Ahanfianyo (Ghana) have received an Honorable Mention together with a recognition of 500 € each.

The Board of the Foundation decided at its meeting on 11 September 2012 in Lodz to clarify the criteria for 'innovation'. This has been done at the award ceremonies of the EMS/ECAM as well as on the website of the HOP [www.harry-otten-prize.org](http://www.harry-otten-prize.org). Furthermore the promotion activities concerning the HOP 2013 have been intensified during autumn and winter 2012/2013.

Board Meetings: 11 September 2012

Telephone Conferences: 10 February 2012  
22 May 2012

The following persons acted as board members (no change):

Hans Reiff (Chairman)  
Richard Anthes (Vice Chairman)  
Dennis Schulze (Treasurer and Secretary)  
Dominique Marbouty  
Jill Peeters

The telephone conferences and the Board Meeting in September were attended by all board members.