

## H.O. Foundation: Activity Report 2013

8 April 2014

### Activities in 2013:

2013 was the second year with a competition of the Harry Otten Prize (hereafter HOP). The work flow for the selection process established the year before has been used successfully, with two telephone conferences held for the pre-selection on 25 March 2013 and the selection of the finalists on 11 June 2013.

The Foundation received a total of 19 applications from 12 countries; six were selected for the second round. One of the 6 applicants withdrew his proposal. From the remaining five proposals, three were selected for the final round in Reading. After the oral presentation of the proposals the jury decided that 'Social media for meteorological prediction and information' (author: Karolina Stanisławska) was the best idea. The other proposals were 'Global Weather Alliance – the WeatherShare service – wxshare.org' (author: Karl H. Eggestad) and 'Forecasting and Mapping Ice Thickness for Ice Skating on Natural Lakes and Canals' (authors: Gert-Jan Steeneveld, B. Heusinkveld, K. Damman). During the award ceremonies at the Annual Meeting of the European Meteorological Society (EMS), held in Reading, UK, 11 September 2013, Karolina Stanisławska was presented as winner of the Harry Otten Prize 2013.

Board Meetings:                      11 September 2013

Telephone Conferences:            25 March 2013  
   11 June 2013

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

Jill Peeters announced that she would step down from the board by 31 December 2013 for personal reasons. As new board member from 1 January 2014 Tanja Cegar was elected. Sadly Hans Reiff passed away on 28 January 2014. The Board agreed that Richard Anthes would be the new Chairman in an e-mail approval in March 2014. A new board member will be selected soon.

All board members participated in the telephone conferences. All board members, except Jill Peeters, attended the Board Meeting in September.