

H.O. Foundation: Activity Report 2015

27. April 2016

Activities in 2015:

After awarding the Harry Otten Prize for the first time in 2013, the prize was awarded for the second time in 2015. Oliver Bouchier won with his idea to derive atmospheric observations from automated detection of aviation contrails. The Foundation also changed its investment strategy, which was executed after the corresponding Board decision.

The Foundation received a total of 13 applications from 11 countries; 5 were selected for the second round. From these remaining five proposals, three were selected for the final round in Sofia. After the oral presentation of the proposals the jury decided that 'Low-cost upper troposphere observations for weather prediction from automated detection of aviation contrails' (author: Olivier Boucher) was the best idea. The other proposals were 'PROGNOSIS - Methodology for predicting solar irradiance' (authors: Alexandros Charalambides and Rogiros Tapakis) and 'Predicting Flash Floods using Current-Generation Global Models' (authors: Tim Hewson and Florian Pappenberger). During the award ceremonies at the Annual Meeting of the European Meteorological Society (EMS), held in Sofia, Bulgaria, 8 September 2015, Olivier Boucher was presented as winner of the Harry Otten Prize 2015.

The following formal meetings were held:

Board Meetings:	7 and 8 September 2015 in Sofia
Telephone Conferences:	13 March 2015 10 June 2015

The following persons acted as board members:

Richard Anthes (Chairman)
Dennis Schulze (Vice-Chairman and Treasurer)
Dominique Marbouty
Tanja Cegnar
Leo Kroon

All board members participated in the telephone conferences. All board members attended the Board Meetings in September.