

The Crafoord Prize in Biosciences 2011 is announced on Thursday 20 January

Biosciences – with emphasis on ecology

On Thursday morning on 20 January, at 08:00 am (Swedish time, GMT +1) the Crafoord Prize for 2011 will be announced.

This year's discipline is biosciences – the knowledge of life on Earth.

A press release and an illustrated popular science article will be sent out and scientific experts are available on telephone. Hopefully, the laureate/-s (max. 3 persons) will also be available for interviews. In that case these telephone numbers are handed out by the Press officer or the Editor at the Academy, see below.

Prize amount: SEK 4 million.

More information: <http://kva.se> and www.crafoordprize.se

Crafoord brochure with information on previous year's laureates as PDF is available at: http://kva.se/Documents/Priser/Crafoord/2010/crafoordprize_82-10.pdf

The Crafoord Prize

The Crafoord Prize is awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences annually. The prize amount of 4 million Swedish kronor makes the Crafoord Prize one of the world's largest scientific prizes.

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Anna-Greta and Holger Crafoord's Fund was established in 1980 and the first prize was awarded in 1982. The prize is intended to promote international basic research in the disciplines

- Astronomy and Mathematics,
- Geosciences,
- Biosciences (with particular emphasis on ecology) and
- Polyarthritis (rheumatoid arthritis).

The prize in Polyarthritis is awarded only when scientific progress in this field has been such that an award is justified. The last time the Crafoord Prize was awarded in Polyarthritis was in 2009.

The disciplines are chosen so as to complement those for which the Nobel Prize® is awarded. Further information about the Crafoord Prize: www.crafoordprize.se

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