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The Crafoord Prize 2009

Polyarthritis

On Thursday morning 15 January, at 08:00 am (Swedish time, GMT +1) the Crafoord Prize for 2009 will be announced. This year's discipline is Polyarthritis, which means arthritis in several joints.

A press release and an illustrated popular science article will be sent out and scientific experts are available on telephone. Hopefully, the laureate/-s will also be available for interviews. These telephone numbers are given by the Press Officer at the Academy, see below.

The prize amount: USD 500,000

More information: www.kva.se and
www.crafoordprize.se

Attachment: Crafoord brochure with information on among others previous year's laureates.

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The Crafoord Prize is awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences annually.

The prize amount of USD 500,000 makes the Crafoord Prize one of the world's largest scientific prizes.

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 2004.

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

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