

**M.O., 2012****Order of the Minister of Economic Development, Innovation and Export Trade dated 3 February 2012**

An Act respecting artistic, literary and scientific competitions  
(R.S.Q., c. C-51)

CONCERNING Prix du Québec scientific competitions

WHEREAS pursuant to section 1, paragraph 2 of the Act respecting artistic, literary and scientific competitions (R.S.Q., c. C-51), the Minister of Economic Development, Innovation and Export Trade may establish annual scientific competitions, and determine the conditions thereof;

WHEREAS pursuant to section 4 of said Act, the conditions of each competition shall be published in due time in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*;

WHEREAS the Ministerial Order of the Minister of State for the Economy and Finance and the Minister of Industry, Trade, Science and Technology adopted on 22 September 1998 should be replaced;

THEREFORE, the Minister of Economic Development, Innovation and Export Trade hereby enacts the annexed competition.

Québec City, 3 February 2012.

SAM HAMAD,  
*Minister of Economic Development,  
Innovation and Export Trade*

**Prix du Québec scientific competitions****DIVISION I****NATURE OF THE AWARDS**

**1.** The Minister of Economic Development, Innovation and Export Trade hereby institutes six competitions for the purpose of granting six scientific awards annually.

Each award is the highest distinction granted by the Gouvernement du Québec to honour a scientist for an outstanding career in his or her field.

The six awards are as follows:

(1) Prix Marie-Victorin

(2) Prix Léon-Gérin

(3) Prix Wilder-Penfield

(4) Prix Armand-Frappier

(5) Prix Lionel-Boulet

(6) Prix Marie-Andrée-Bertrand

**2.** Prix Marie-Victorin is intended for research scientists working in the field of natural sciences and engineering, excluding the biomedical field.

The branches of learning recognized for this award are exact and natural sciences, engineering and technological sciences, and agricultural sciences.

**3.** Prix Léon-Gérin is intended for research scientists working in the field of human and social sciences.

All branches of learning are recognized for this award.

**4.** Prix Wilder-Penfield is intended for research scientists working in the biomedical field.

The branches of learning recognized for this award are medical sciences, natural sciences and engineering sciences.

**5.** Prix Armand-Frappier is intended for persons who have had careers in research and who have contributed to the development of research establishments or devoted themselves to the administration or promotion of research and who, as a result, were able to foster new careers in science and develop interest in science and technology among the general population.

All branches of learning are recognized for this award.

**6.** Prix Lionel-Boulet is intended for research scientists working in the industrial field.

All branches of learning are recognized for this award.

**7.** Prix Marie-Andrée-Bertrand is intended for persons who have had careers in research and whose scope and quality of scientific work have led to the development and implementation of important social innovations contributing to the wellbeing of individuals or communities.

All branches of human and social science learning are recognized for this award.

## DIVISION II ELIGIBILITY

**8.** To be eligible, candidates must be Canadian citizens and must have worked during their careers in Québec.

**9.** Jury members are not eligible for competitions during the year they are members of the jury.

**10.** Candidates may not nominate themselves.

**11.** Every candidacy must be accompanied by a letter of introduction, an up-to-date résumé and three to five letters of recommendation from experts in the branch of learning explaining why the candidate should receive the award.

**12.** Awards may be granted to only one person in any given year unless the jury decides to grant them jointly to people who worked together on a single project.

**13.** Candidates may not receive the same award more than once nor receive more than one award during the same year.

Candidates may, however, be granted different awards for different contributions in the course of their careers.

**14.** Awards may not be granted posthumously.

## DIVISION III JURY COMPOSITION AND DUTIES

**15.** The Minister shall annually empanel a jury for each competition, appoint the members thereof and designate the chair.

The jury shall be made up of five members.

The quorum for a meeting of the jury shall be four members.

Those who have proposed or supported a candidacy may not be members of the jury.

Travel and living expenses incurred by jury members while carrying out their duties shall be reimbursed by the Ministère du Développement économique, de l'Innovation et de l'Exportation in accordance with the Règles sur les frais de déplacement des personnes engagées à honoraires (C.T. 170100, 89-03-14).

**16.** For each competition the jury shall select who, if anybody, is to receive the award.

## DIVISION IV SELECTION OF WINNERS

**17.** The jury's decision shall be rendered in writing by a majority vote of its members. The decision shall give reasons and be dated and signed by the members who rendered it.

**18.** Should the jury decide not to grant an award in a given year, it shall render its decision in the manner prescribed in section 17.

**19.** The deliberations of the jury shall be confidential.

**20.** The decision of the jury has effect from the date indicated on it.

**21.** The secretary shall send the jury's decision to the Minister within 30 days of the date on which it was rendered.

**22.** The Minister shall announce the jury's decision no later than 30 November of each year.

**23.** Each winner shall receive:

(1) an amount of \$30,000, non-taxable;

(2) a medal engraved with his or her name and created by a professional Québec artist, an unengraved double of which shall be given to the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec;

(3) a certificate written in calligraphy on parchment.

## DIVISION V ADMINISTRATION OF COMPETITIONS

**24.** The secretary of each competition shall be the director of the Direction de la promotion de la science citoyenne of the Ministère du Développement économique, de l'Innovation et de l'Exportation or any person the secretary may appoint for that purpose.

**25.** The secretary shall call the meetings of the juries by sending a notice in writing to each member at least one clear day before meetings are held.

The secretary shall attend the meetings, draw up the minutes thereof and send the decisions of the juries and copies of the minutes to the Minister.

The secretary is not entitled to vote at jury meetings.

**26.** This competition replaces the competition made by the Ministerial Order of the Minister of State for the Economy and Finance and the Minister of Industry, Trade, Science and Technology on 22 September 1998.

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