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Editorial

Van de Hulst Light-Scattering Award

Elsevier has instituted a prestigious professional Award in the category of electromagnetic scattering by particles that will be presented under the auspices of the *Journal of Quantitative Spectroscopy and Radiative Transfer (JQSRT)* for landmark individual achievements in this field. This Award is intended to honor the monumental scientific contributions by Professor Henk van de Hulst, including his milestone monographs on single and multiple scattering of light by particles.

The formal rules defining the *Van de Hulst Light-Scattering Award* are as follows:

1. This is a lifetime achievement Award given to a scientist with a landmark contribution to the field of electromagnetic scattering by particles. An individual can receive this Award only once. The Award is presented by Elsevier under the auspices of *JQSRT*.
2. Although the Award can be given to a scientist who has never published in *JQSRT*, publishing in *JQSRT* is considered to be a significant advantage during the selection process.
3. Nominations for the Award can be submitted by individuals, groups of individuals, or organizations. Self-nominations are not accepted.
4. The nomination package must consist of a 2-page nomination letter, a 2-page CV, a 2-page list of selected publications, and three 2-page letters of support, all combined into a single PDF file.
5. The votes will be cast by the current Editors-in-Chief of *JQSRT*, the current members of the *JQSRT* Editorial Board, and the past recipients of the Award.
6. There is no limitation on the age or nationality of a nominee.
7. The Award will consist of an Elsevier certificate and a glass statuette with appropriate engraving.
8. The Award will be formally presented at an appropriate conference dealing with electromagnetic scattering by particles and its applications. The recipient will be expected to give a memorial lecture summarizing his/her scientific achievements leading to the award.
9. Each winner of the Award will be announced in a *JQSRT* Editorial and will be invited to publish in *JQSRT* an overview of his/her field of research placing his/her own contribution into a broader factual and historical context, including its relation to the monumental work by Professor Henk van de Hulst.
10. The Award will be given once every 2 years, with the inaugural one in 2011.

Nomination files must be emailed to the Chairman of the Selection Committee at mmishchenko@giss.nasa.gov by 1 May 2011. It is planned to present the inaugural Award in September of 2011 at the Conference on "Electromagnetic and Light Scattering XIII" in Taormina, Italy.

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