



The Asia-Oceania Neutron Scattering Association (AONSA) is inviting nominations for the 9th AONSA Prize to recognize an outstanding research career with a significant impact or contribution to the use or development of neutron science or technology in the Asia-Oceania Region. The AONSA Prize was established in 2010 and is awarded once every two years. The past prizes were awarded to Prof. Noboru Watanabe (KEK) in 2011, Prof. Balebail Anantha Dasannacharya (BARC) in 2013, Prof. John William White (Australian National Univ.) in 2015, Prof. Nobuo Niimura (Ibaraki Univ.) in 2017, Prof. Mahn Won Kim (KAIST) in 2019, Prof. Robert A. Robinson (ANSTO) in 2021, Prof. Yasuhiko Fujii (JSNS) in 2023 and Prof. Wen-Hsien Li (TWNSS) in 2025.

Anyone may submit one nomination or a letter of support for the AONSA Prize 2027 by **September 11, 2026**, following the rules as described below. Please send nominations electronically in PDF file to the Chair of the AONSA Prize Selection Committee (jaehc@korea.ac.kr). The Prize winner(s) for 2027 will be announced in November 2026. The Prize Ceremony and the delivery of the Prize Lecture will take place during the AOCNS 2027, which is scheduled to held on November 24th – 28th, 2027, in Mumbai, India.

Selection Committee of the AONSA Prize 2027: Anna Paradowska (ANBUG), Tong Xin (CNSS), Naoya Torikai (JSNS), Jae-Ho Chung (Chair, KNBUA), Mala N. Rao (NSSI), Ya-Sen Sun (TWNSS)

AONSA Prize

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The Asia-Oceania Neutron Scattering Association (AONSA) awards the AONSA Prize every two years to a person or persons to recognize their outstanding research career with a significant impact or contribution to the use or development of neutron science and technology in the Asia-Oceania Region.

1. Rules

- The Prize shall ordinarily be awarded to one person but may be shared by no more than three when all the recipients made contributions to the same accomplishment. Recipient(s) should receive the AONSA Prize only once.
- The Prize consists of a certificate citing the contributions made by the recipient(s) and a monetary prize. The amount shall be decided by the AONSA Executive Committee (hereafter referred to as the EC). Where the award is shared, the prize money shall be equally divided amongst recipients.

2. Nomination and Eligibility

- Nomination shall be opened to anyone whose work has significantly impacted or contributed to the Asia-Oceania region.
- Anyone, excluding members of the AONSA Prize Selection Committee (SC) may submit one nomination or a letter of support for the Prize.
- A nomination should include:
 - A letter of not more than 5,000 characters evaluating the nominee's qualification for the Prize and identifying the specific work to be recognized.
 - A brief curriculum vitae
 - A short list of major publications
 - Up to five reprints/preprints
 - At least two but not more than four letters of support
- Nomination should be electronically submitted to Chair of the SC by the deadline issued by the SC.
- Nomination shall be active through two review cycles (4 years). Nominations may be updated while still active.

3. Selection Committee

- The SC shall consist of six members chaired by the AONSA Vice President while the other five shall be appointed by the EC. Their term shall be two years (one selection cycle). A member can be reappointed for the next selection cycle (upto two cycles for four years).
- The SC shall be independent of the EC. Nominations shall be treated in confidence within the SC.
- The SC members shall represent a broad range of member societies (not observers) and fields of neutron science and technology. The Chair of the SC may co-opt a person or persons from member societies or from observer country/region when none of six members can cover research field(s) for reviewing nominations submitted. Co-opted member(s) shall be approved by the EC.
- The SC members shall be posted on the home page of AONSA when the SC issues the call-for nominations. The co-opted member(s) shall also be posted.
- The SC shall submit the name(s) of recipient(s) with a report of nomination process to the EC prior to five months to Prize Ceremony at the quadrennial Asia-Oceania Conference on Neutron Scattering (AOCNS) or the quadrennial International Conference on Neutron Scattering (ICNS), both held in an interval of two years.
- The SC shall carry out AONSA Prize Ceremony at AOCNS or ICNS.

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