

Endowed with 100,000 euros

***OPEN THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS
FOR THE III EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL AWARD
DOCTOR JUAN ABARCA
'ABARCA PRIZE'***

- After the success of the first two editions, the nomination period for 'ABARCA PRIZE' opens in 2023, an award of international prestige, which highlights the impact of medical-scientific advances and innovations around the world.
- In 2022, 'ABARCA PRIZE' was awarded to Professor Philippe J. Sansonetti, microbiologist and professor at the Pasteur Institute, considered one of the founders of cell microbiology and pioneer in scientific publications in this area, thanks to his revolutionary research on *shigellosis*.

Madrid, 15 February 2023. – Today, February 15, opens the deadline for submission of nominations for the III Edition of "ABARCA PRIZE", the *Doctor Juan Abarca* International Award for Medical Sciences, which aims to recognize a person in the field of research and science from anywhere in the world, whose work has contributed in a transcendental way to the improvement of the health of people and populations.

The recognition of this award has been reflected in the good reception of the two previous editions, which had a notable support of personalities from the world of science, culture, and representatives of public and private institutions.

The prize has an endowment of 100,000 euros and a diploma. Its legal terms and conditions can be consulted on the web www.abarcaprize.com



Prof. Philippe J. Sansonetti, winner of the II Edition of the Abarca Prize.

From February 15 to May 31, nominations period

The process of submitting and selecting nominations for the 'ABARCA PRIZE' will be developed in two phases. In the first one, from February 15 to May 31 of this year 2023, the deadline for sending the letter of nomination is established.

The presentation of candidatures must be made by people or entities other than the candidate, which may be companies, foundations, researchers of recognized prestige, universities, hospitals, Professional Associations, Scientific Societies, Royal Academies, etc. The nomination form is available at www.abarcaprize.com

Second phase, final selection of candidates and winner

As of 1 June, an expert group composed of impartial members will assess the suitability of the nominations and determine the final session to be presented to the jury, which will include a maximum of 5 proposals.

Subsequently, in this second phase, the members of the Jury will examine the documentation and, according to their best judgment, will determine the proposal of the winner in a debate that will be held by videoconference in July and that will result in a report in which the merits that support the choice will be reflected.

The granting of the prize will be made public in the first week of October 2023.

Success of 'ABARCA PRIZE' in its first two editions

Two renowned researchers have been awarded the 'ABARCA PRIZE' in its previous editions.

In the first, held in 2021, Prof. Jean-Laurent Casanova, researcher at Rockefeller University Hospital in New York, was awarded for his brilliant professional career of more than 30 years, highlighting the relevance of studying human infections and genetic variations that affect a person's ability to fight infections, which represents the resolution of the so-called "infection enigma".

In the second edition, the award recognized Professor Philippe J. Sansonetti, microbiologist and professor at the Pasteur Institute, considered one of the founders of cell microbiology and pioneer in scientific publications in this area, thanks to his revolutionary research on *shigella*. This bacterium causes more than 80 million cases of *shigellosis* per year and affects 164.7 million people worldwide, 163.2 million in developing countries and 1.5 million in industrialized countries.

About 'ABARCA PRIZE'

The *Doctor Juan Abarca* International Award for Medical Sciences, '**ABARCA PRIZE**', was born in 2021 with the purpose of highlighting to international society the impact of medical and scientific advances and innovations. To this end, this award is given to a person from the world of research and science from anywhere in the world, whose work has contributed in a transcendental way to the improvement of the health of people and populations.

'**ABARCA PRIZE**' is inspired by the foundations of the permanent commitment to the progress and health of people, intrinsic values of *Dr. Juan Abarca* throughout his professional career.

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