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Guidelines for European Food Processing Implementation Award

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Introduction

HighTech Europe is a Network of Excellence, funded within the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development of the European Commission, currently comprising 22 European research organizations, industrial federations, innovation relay centres, and enterprises, coordinated by the German Institute of Food Technologies (DIL) located in Quakenbrück, Germany.

The objective of this project is to accelerate the innovation process in European food industries by pooling competencies and skills all along the knowledge transfer chains (from knowledge creation over sharing to utilization). The joint activities will be focused towards creation of best cases with a high impact on improving food quality, food safety and processing efficiency.

Aims and scope

In line with its objectives, HighTech Europe launches the **European Food Processing Implementation Award** honouring successful innovations in food processing and improvement of food quality that have been developed along a knowledge transfer chain within the last 3 years. It will serve as an incentive for cooperation between the research and food industry.

Biotechnology, nanotechnology and ICT are considered as areas with high innovative power, thus serving as promising sources of future innovations in food industry. The European Food Processing Implementation Award will motivate industry to adopt these high-tech innovations.

Award

The European Food Processing Implementation Award consists of a work of art. In addition, the winners can carry the logo "Winner of the European Food Processing Implementation Award" for two years. Travel expenses for the winner (in case of an individual) or representative of the winners (in case of a group) to the award ceremony will be covered. The award is offered biannually.

Application

Application for the **2010 European Food Processing Implementation Award** open on **April 26th at 9 am** and close on **August 15th at 5 pm (CET)**. Applications can only be made by email through the downloadable application form available at www.hightecheurope.eu/hightecheuropeaward.

Eligibility

Individuals, companies, institutes active within the field of food research or food industry can apply for the European Food Processing Implementation Award. Only recent innovations (within the last 3 years) originating from the area of biotechnology, nanotechnology or ICT that can be applied for improvement of food quality or food processing schemes will be considered.

Selection criteria

The Evaluation Board will select the award winners based on following evaluation criteria, in addition to the eligibility criteria:

- **Innovativeness:** The contribution must qualify as a “state-of- the-art” improvement in food processing. The introduction of a new concept, principle or method rather than the refinement of existing technology is preferred. Although, a major advance in an existing technology that extends the capabilities of the existing technology significantly will be considered.
- **Significance:** The scope of impact to food industry in terms of the range of operations or activities to which the innovation can be applied shall also be considered. Additional weight may be given to innovations that have demonstrable potential for contributing to improved performance in other food applications.
- **Demonstration of applicability:** Innovations should have been implemented, at least at pilot-scale.
- **Knowledge transfer:** As the European Food Processing Implementation Award serves as an incentive for cooperation between research institutes and food industry, innovations resulting from interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral efforts will be favoured.

In the event that there is no nomination for the award, or no nomination meets the award criteria, no award will be made for that biennial. Final ruling on the presentation of this award rests with HighTech Europe.

Announcement of awards and presentation ceremony

HighTech Europe will notify laureates of their status in writing and formally invite them to the Awards presentation ceremony held at the **EFFoST meeting in Dublin, Ireland (10-12th of November 2010)**.

In addition, and announcement will be made of the prize winners by HighTech Europe prior to the award ceremony, through the trade press and the following websites:

www.hightecheurope.eu/hightecheuropeaward

<http://www.fffostconference.com/>

Legal provisions

HighTech Europe is committed to confidentiality concerning the Award nominations. There is no recourse to correspondence or legal action.

Application form

The application form will consist of two parts:

- Identification form
- Innovation dossier

These parts can be downloaded individually on the HTE website and have to be send by e-mail to coordinator@hightecheurope.eu.

In addition, all applicants will sign an individual engagement letter, which will be sent to the HTE coordinator by regular post.