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## The InBev-Baillet Latour Antarctica Prize 2009

### Call for Proposals

The InBev-Baillet Latour Fund, and the International Polar Foundation (IPF) working in close collaboration with the Belgian Federal Science Policy (Belspo), the Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (FWO) and the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (F.R.S-FNRS), announce the opening of the 2009 Call for Proposals for the second InBev-Baillet Latour Antarctica Prize.

The award of €150 000 is designed to promote research activities in, or in the vicinity of, the Princess Elisabeth Antarctic research station.

The Prize is open to doctoral and post-doctoral researchers, regardless of nationality, registered at a Belgian University or research institute or other research facility in Belgium.

In bringing together the aims of both the InBev-Baillet Latour Fund to promote work of importance to humanity and the IPF to support research activity in the Polar Regions, the Antarctica Prize aims to promote scientific excellence and research activity around the new Princess Elisabeth Antarctic research station, including in the field of climate change.

Eligible scientific research should fall under the following themes:

- Polar Biology, terrestrial and ocean margin processes, lakes, microbiology, carbon cycles;
- Polar- global linkages ;
- Geodetic studies, geodynamics, seismology ;
- Cartography ;
- Atmosphere: high altitude transfers, chemistry ;
- Cryosphere: Sea ice physics, sea ice characteristics, dynamics etc. ;
- Glaciology: behaviour of glaciers, dynamic and evolution of the ice cap, and the ice shelves, palaeoclimate and climate modelling;
- Meteorology, and multifunctional observatories, satellite and ground based earth observations;
- Astronomy;
- Medical research on physiology of extremes;
- Extreme climate technologies and space applications ;
- Renewable energy technologies for extreme conditions.

Project proposals for field research in 2010 must reach the IPF by **10 September 2009** in order to be taken into consideration.



Last year's laureate was Dr. Elie Verleyen from the Laboratory of Protistology and Marine Ecology at the University of Ghent for his research project "Delaqua" on microbiological communities. He will pursue his research at the Princess Elisabeth station during BELARE 2009-2010.

**Information on Proposal Submission (including submission form):**

InBev-Baillet Latour Antarctica Prize Secretariat

<http://www.polarfoundation.org/index.php?/projects/>

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**The InBev-Baillet Latour Fund:**

*The objective of the InBev-Baillet Latour Fund is to encourage work of great value to humanity and to reward such work through prizes or study grants. The Fund is mainly active in the following areas: medical research, Belgian cultural heritage, university education and the Olympic movement.*

**The International Polar Foundation (IPF):**

*The International Polar Foundation is a public utility foundation, which aims to promote polar research and scientific capacity building. The IPF has built the Princess Elisabeth Antarctica Research station as a platform for international research collaboration and as a demonstration project in sustainable building technology.*