

Privacy Notices – FNP Prize

1. Controller and Data Protection Officer

The controller of the personal data is the Foundation for Polish Science, with its registered office at ul. I. Krasickiego 20/22, 02-611 Warsaw, Poland (hereinafter referred to as the "FNP" or the "Foundation").

The Foundation has appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO). In all matters relating to the processing of personal data, the DPO may be contacted by email at iodo@fnp.org.pl or in writing at the Foundation's registered office.

2. Nominators

Purposes and legal bases for processing

- 1) inviting to participate in the process of selecting the Prize recipients, verifying eligibility to submit nominations, receiving and administering nominations, communicating with nominators, and documenting the process of selecting the Prize recipients pursuant to Article 6(1)(f) GDPR; the Foundation's legitimate interest is to ensure that the process is conducted properly, fairly and transparently;
- 2) verifying impartiality and conflicts of interest as well as ensuring the confidentiality of the process of selecting the Prize recipients pursuant to Article 6(1)(f) GDPR; the Foundation's legitimate interest is to safeguard the integrity and credibility of the Prize;
- 3) publishing the name of the person who nominated the Prize recipient pursuant to Article 6(1)(a) GDPR, solely on the basis of separate, freely given consent;
- 4) establishing, exercising or defending legal claims pursuant to Article 6(1)(f) GDPR.

Categories of personal data and retention period

The personal data processed may include, in particular, identification data, institutional affiliation and job title, business contact details, information on participation in the process of selecting the Prize recipients, the content of the submitted nomination, and declarations concerning impartiality and conflicts of interest.

Documentation relating to a submitted nomination will be retained until the end of the calendar year in which six years have elapsed since the completion of the relevant edition of the Prize. Personal data of invited individuals who do not submit a nomination will be erased 12 months after the completion of the relevant edition unless further retention is required as part of a separate cooperation process involving FNP experts. Consent to publication may be withdrawn at any time. Evidence that consent was given and subsequently withdrawn will be retained for three years following the end of the publication period.

Provision of personal data

Providing the personal data required in the nomination form is voluntary; however, it is necessary for the submission and assessment of the nomination. Consent to the publication of the nominator's

personal data is entirely voluntary and has no effect on the validity of the nomination or on the selection process.

3. Nominees

Sources and categories of personal data

Personal data are obtained from individual nominators or nominating committees, publicly available sources, in particular websites of research institutions, scientific publications and professional databases, as well as from the documentation of previous editions of the Prize, where a nomination has been accepted for consideration in a subsequent edition.

The categories of personal data processed may include: name and surname, institutional affiliation, job title and information on nominee's scientific career, information on the nominated achievement and publications, information necessary to assess whether the Prize criteria are met, information on relationships that may give rise to a conflict of interest, and opinions and assessments prepared by experts, reviewers and the FNP Council.

Purposes and legal bases for processing

- 1) receiving nominations, verifying eligibility, assessing the nominated achievement, comparing nominations, selecting the Prize recipients and documenting the process of selection pursuant to Article 6(1)(f) GDPR; the Foundation's legitimate interest is to pursue its statutory mission through awarding the Prize and to ensure the integrity and credibility of the Prize selection process;
- 2) verifying conflicts of interest and safeguarding the confidentiality of the selection process pursuant to Article 6(1)(f) GDPR;
- 3) contacting the nominee if the Prize is awarded and taking the steps necessary in connection to the Prize acceptance pursuant to Article 6(1)(f) GDPR and, where it is necessary for a performance of a contract or taking steps at the request of the data subject prior to performing a contract, pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) GDPR;
- 4) announcing the results and documenting the history of the Prize by publishing the full name of the Prize recipient, their institutional affiliation, the year in which the Prize was awarded, and information about the prize-winning achievement pursuant to Article 6(1)(f) GDPR; the Foundation's legitimate interest is to inform the public about the fulfilment of its mission and the results of the Prize selection process;
- 5) complying with legal obligations relating to the payment of the Prize pursuant to Article 6(1)(c) GDPR;
- 6) establishing, exercising or defending legal claims pursuant to Article 6(1)(f) GDPR.

Retention period

Documentation relating to a nomination will be stored until the end of the calendar year in which six years have elapsed since the completion of the relevant edition of the Prize. Where a nomination has been admitted for consideration in subsequent editions without the submission of a new nomination, this retention period shall be calculated from the completion of the last edition in which the nomination was considered. Financial documentation relating to Prize recipients will be retained for the period required under applicable tax and accounting legislation. A limited set of information

concerning Prize recipients may be retained indefinitely for the purpose of documenting the history of the Prize, subject to periodic reviews of the necessity of continued retention.

Provision of the privacy information

Due to the confidential nature of the nomination process, the FNP does not, as a rule, inform nominees individually that they have been nominated. This privacy notice is publicly available on the FNP website. Where the Foundation establishes direct contact with a nominee, the information required under the GDPR will be provided no later than at the time of the first communication with that person.

4. Experts, reviewers, and nominating committees members

Purposes and legal bases for processing

- 1) selecting individuals with appropriate expertise, organising their participation in the Prize process, communicating with them, providing assessment materials and documenting the assessment process pursuant to Article 6(1)(f) GDPR; the Foundation's legitimate interest is to ensure a high-quality and independent assessment process;
- 2) verifying conflicts of interest and ensuring the security and confidentiality of the selection process of the Prize recipients pursuant to Article 6(1)(f) GDPR;
- 3) performing a contract, where applicable, pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) GDPR;
- 4) complying with tax and accounting obligations pursuant to Article 6(1)(c) GDPR;
- 5) establishing, exercising or defending legal claims pursuant to Article 6(1)(f) GDPR.

The personal data processed may include, in particular, identification data, institutional affiliation, job title, business contact details, information on expertise, field of specialisation and participation in the selection process of the Prize recipients, declarations of conflicts of interest, the content of assessments prepared, settlement and payment details, and information on access to the FNP's IT systems.

Assessment materials and documentation will be retained until the end of the calendar year in which six years have elapsed since the completion of the relevant edition of the Prize. Contractual and financial documentation will be retained for the period required under applicable law.

5. Recipients of personal data

Personal data may be disclosed only to the extent necessary to:

- 1) authorised employees and associates of the FNP, as well as members of the FNP Council;
- 2) nominators, experts and reviewers, to the extent resulting from their respective roles in the selection process;
- 3) service providers acting on behalf of the FNP, including providers of IT, hosting, postal, archiving, legal and audit services, under appropriate contractual arrangements;
- 4) public authorities or other entities authorised under applicable law;
- 5) the general public, solely concerning information concerning the Prize recipients and, where separate consent has been provided, the personal data of the nominator.

6. Transfers of personal data outside the European Economic Area

Given the international nature of the selection process, personal data contained in the nomination materials may be disclosed to an expert or reviewer located outside the European Economic Area (EEA). Such transfers will be made outside the EEA only on the basis of the European Commission adequacy decision in respect of the recipient country or where the recipient country is subject to appropriate safeguards as required under Article 46 GDPR, in particular the Standard Contractual Clauses (SCCs). Information on the transfer mechanism used may be obtained by contacting the Data Protection Officer (DPO).

7. Rights of data subjects

Under the conditions laid down in the GDPR, data subjects have the right to:

- 1) access their personal data and to receive a copy thereof;
- 2) rectify their personal data;
- 3) erase their personal data or to restrict their processing;
- 4) object, on grounds relating to their particular situation, to processing following Article 6(1)(f) GDPR;
- 5) withdraw their consent at any time, where processing is based on consent, without affecting the lawfulness of processing carried out before its withdrawal;
- 6) data portability in the cases provided for by the GDPR;
- 7) lodge a complaint with the President of the Personal Data Protection Office (Prezes Urzędu Ochrony Danych Osobowych).

These rights are not absolute. When responding to requests to exercise data subject rights, the FNP will take into account, in particular, the rights and freedoms of other individuals, the confidentiality of assessments, and the protection of the identity of persons participating in the selection process, to the extent permitted under the GDPR.

8. Automated decision-making

Personal data are not used for decisions based solely on automated processing, including profiling. Decisions within the Prize selection process are made by the persons designated in the Prize Rules.