



## **Poncelet Prize for Innovation in Encapsulation Technology 2017**

Nominations are requested for outstanding candidates to be considered for the **2017 Poncelet Prize for Innovation in Encapsulation Technology**, co-sponsored by **Procter & Gamble** and by the **Bioencapsulation Research Group (BRG)**. The Prize was established in 2011 and presented to Denis Poncelet, the President of the BRG, to recognize and honour his leadership and contributions to the field of Bio- and Microencapsulation. Subsequent recipients of the award have been Christophe Lacroix (presented in 2012, Orillia), Ronald Neufeld (2013, Berlin), Paul de Vos (2014, Bratislava), Elena Markvicheva (2015, Delft) and André Brodkorb (2016, Lisbon).

In preparation for the 2017 annual conference of the BRG ([http://bioencapsulation.net/2017\\_La\\_Chapelle](http://bioencapsulation.net/2017_La_Chapelle)) to be held in Nantes, France from July 3-6, the award recipient will be invited to present a keynote lecture at the conference, and will be presented with the Poncelet Prize which includes a trophy, a monetary amount provided through Procter & Gamble's sponsorship, and a travel award provided through the BRG's co-sponsorship support (conference registration plus 500 euro toward expenses). The recipient will also be invited to submit a short paper based on the keynote lecture, to be included in *Bioencapsulation Innovations*, the newsletter of the BRG.

Terms of reference for the award are simple. The award is intended to recognize innovation in the field of microencapsulation, which could extend from new processes, actives, core and shell materials, characterization methods, or fields of application. The innovative contribution should have potential for commercialization application or medical breakthrough.

**The nomination must include** a one page letter introducing and nominating the potential candidate identifying clearly the innovative element of her or his work, and a statement supporting the scientific, medical or industrial relevance or breakthrough, or potential for commercialization application. Following consultation with the award sponsors and the prize selection panel, the award for 2017 will recognize candidates for a specific innovative

contribution. One item of supporting material can be included with the nomination such as a publication, technical report, patent or any other materials in support of the candidate. Only one item of supporting material will be reviewed. Providing more than one example of supporting material will almost certainly weaken the application, as one item will then be selected at random to be reviewed. A curriculum vitae can be provided as supporting material, however the prize is not necessarily intended to be a life-time achievement award. An extended CV is therefore not a requirement.

For a candidate to be considered for the prize, the specific innovative contribution or achievement must be clearly stated, identified and supported. The specific contribution would need to have been within the past several years, typically since the year 2010.

The nomination package must be submitted to **PonceletAward@bioencapsulation.net** for distribution to the award panel that will select the winner of the prize. The nominated candidate must be available to attend the BRG conference in Nantes, and present their work as a keynote lecture, in order to receive the Prize.

The award selection panel will include past recipients of the award, representatives of Procter & Gamble and other companies, and active contributors to the BRG.

Self-nominations will not be accepted this year, so the relationship between the nominator and nominee must be clearly stated.

Nominees must be expected to present an outstanding keynote lecture, so nominators may wish to comment on the candidates speaking ability. Another factor taken into account is the candidate's past contribution to the BRG, although this is a more minor consideration.

**Deadline for submission of nominations is April 15, 2017.**