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## THE EPS EDISON VOLTA PRIZE Charter

### Background

The European Physical Society, and the Centro di Cultura Scientifica "Alessandro Volta" (Centro Volta in the following), and Edison S.p.A. (jointly the Parties) have created a joint award to promote excellent research and achievements in physics.

The prize consists of a cash award of Euro 10,000 (ten thousand), a medal, and a diploma.

The prize will be awarded every other year except differently agreed between the Parties.

### Terms

The award shall be made for outstanding achievements in physics. "Outstanding achievements" include discoveries, significant breakthroughs in research, relevant contributions to his/her field of research, research methods, instruments, facilities, etc.

### Procedure

The procedure for selection of the prize winner(s) is that not later than six months before the date of presentation, the EPS will make a call for nominations. Nominations will be received by the EPS, and reviewed by the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee will make a proposal for endorsement of the prize winner(s) to the EPS Executive Committee. The decision of the EPS Executive Committee will be then transmitted for endorsement to the Centro Volta Scientific Board.

### Call for nominations

The EPS will make the call for nominations, using notably its website, its electronic newsletter e-EPS, its bi-monthly magazine Europhysics News (EPN) and communications to its members. The Centro Volta and Edison S.p.A. will publish the call for nominations on their respective websites or in any other media they will choose for this scope.

The Parties will supply and make available each other their respective brand/logo for the sole scope of the communication of the prize and not for advertising.

### Process for submitting nominations for the EPS Edison Volta Prize

- There are no restrictions on who can make nominations.
- The nomination should include personal details of the nominee(s), including biographical statement(s), and citation(s) highlighting the work of the nominee(s) and up to three statements of support for the nomination from individuals who are familiar to the work of the nominee(s).
- The Selection Committee will review all nominations, and make a recommendation for endorsement to the EPS Executive Committee.
- The prize will be finally endorsed by the EPS Executive Committee, then by the Centro Volta Scientific Board.

### Awards ceremony

The announcement of the award will normally take place during the EPS Annual Council Meeting. An award ceremony will be organised at the Centro Volta, in Como (IT).

The EPS is responsible for travel and lodging of its prize winner(s) at the EPS Council.

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### Cash Award

The prize will consist of cash award of Euro 10,000 (ten thousand), contributed by the Centro Volta, as well as a prize diploma and a medal, contributed by the EPS.