FIT PRIZES

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Dear colleagues,

One of the most important and widely recognised functions FIT fulfils for its member associations is the awarding of FIT prizes and awards at FIT World Congresses. Being selected by an international jury to receive a FIT prize or award signifies recognition of the ‘best of the best’ by one’s peers around the globe. Please take this opportunity to nominate outstanding colleagues for the FIT prizes as recognition of them as individuals to demonstrate the work and accomplishments of your association’s members. Associations are entitled to nominate one candidate per prize. All FIT member associations are encouraged to submit nominations.

Enclosed please find the rules and nomination forms for the FIT Prizes listed on the right.

You may download the prize rules and nomination forms, per category, from the FIT website at www.fit-ift.org. Please submit your association’s nominations, prepared in accordance with the rules, to the FIT Secretariat no later than 1 July 2021.

Kind regards,

Kevin Quirk
FIT President

- Astrid Lindgren Prize
- “Aurora Borealis” Prize for Outstanding Translation of Fiction Literature
- “Aurora Borealis” Prize for Outstanding Translation of Non-Fiction Literature
- Karel Čapek Medal
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- FIT Prize for Best Website
- Pierre-François Caillé Memorial Medal
RULES

(Approved by the FIT Council at its meeting in Geneva in April 1998 and amended in Ottawa in March 2017)

Article 1

The International Federation of Translators (FIT) has an international translation prize designed to promote the translation of children's literature, improve the quality thereof and draw attention to the role of translators in bringing the peoples of the world closer together in terms of culture. The prize is sponsored by FIT’s Astrid Lindgren Fund, based on a generous donation made by the author herself.

Article 2

This international translation prize, named the ASTRID LINDGREN PRIZE, may be awarded for a single translation of outstanding quality or for the entire body of work of a translator of books written for children or young people.

Article 3

This international translation prize shall be awarded at FIT World Congresses, pursuant to the decision of an international jury as provided in Article 5.

Article 4

Candidates must be nominated by a FIT member and must be members in good standing of the nominating organisation. No FIT member may nominate more than one candidate for this prize each time it is announced.

Article 5

The prize shall be awarded on the basis of a decision made by an international jury consisting of no less than three members appointed by the FIT Executive Committee, which shall also nominate the jury chairperson. Jury members may be re-appointed. The jury shall deliberate online and shall decide on a winner at least three months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 6

The prize shall consist of a plaque and a sum of money.

Article 7

Nominations shall be submitted on the official form and shall include the following:

a) A general report on the nominee’s merits and/or work, including any awards which he or she may have received and any (or all) articles written about his or her work, and the following particulars about his or her titles: Original title—Translated title (in English or French)—Target audience (age group)—Year of publication—Author—Publisher—Literary category—Number of pages.

b) A detailed analysis of the merits of the translation under consideration or of the quality of all the works of the candidate.

Nominations should be submitted in both French and English if at all possible, otherwise in one of the two languages.

Nominations not satisfying these requirements shall not be taken into consideration.

Article 8

Nominations shall be submitted online to the FIT Secretariat at least five months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 9

Anything not provided for in these rules may be decided by the FIT Awards Management Standing Committee.
RULES

(Approved by the FIT Council at its meeting in Geneva in April 1998 and amended in Ottawa in March 2017)

Article 1

The International Federation of Translators (FIT) has an international translation prize designed to promote the translation of fiction literature, improve the quality thereof and draw attention to the role of translators in bringing the peoples of the world closer together in terms of culture. The prize is sponsored by a generous donation from the Norwegian Association of Literary Translators (NO), financed by copyright revenues.

Article 2

This international translation prize, named the “AURORA BOREALIS” PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING TRANSLATION OF FICTION LITERATURE, may be awarded either for a single translation of outstanding quality or for the entire body of a translator’s fiction work.

Article 3

This international translation prize shall be awarded at FIT World Congresses, pursuant to the decision of an international jury as provided in Article 5.

Article 4

Candidates must be nominated by a FIT member and must be members in good standing of the nominating organisation. No FIT member may nominate more than one candidate for this prize each time it is announced.

Article 5

The prize shall be awarded on the basis of a decision made by an international jury consisting of no less than three members appointed by the FIT Executive Committee, which shall also nominate the jury chairperson. Jury members may be re-appointed. The jury shall deliberate online and shall decide on a winner at least three months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 6

The prize shall consist of a plaque and a sum of money.

Article 7

Nominations shall be submitted on the official form and shall include the following:

a) A general report on the nominee’s merits and/or work, including any awards which he or she may have received and any (or all) articles written about his or her work, and the following particulars about his or her titles: Original title—Translated title (in English or French)—Target audience (age group)—Year of publication—Author—Publisher—Literary category—Number of pages.

b) A detailed analysis of the merits of the translation under consideration or of the quality of all the works of the candidate.

Nominations should be submitted in both French and English if at all possible, otherwise in one of the two languages.

Nominations not satisfying these requirements shall not be taken into consideration.

Article 8

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Article 9

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"AURORA BOREALIS" PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING TRANSLATION OF NON-FICTION LITERATURE

RULES
(Approved by the FIT Council at its meeting in Geneva in April 1998 and amended in Ottawa in March 2017)

Article 1
The International Federation of Translators (FIT) has an international translation prize designed to promote the translation of non-fiction literature, improve the quality thereof and draw attention to the role of translators in bringing the peoples of the world closer together in terms of culture. The prize is sponsored by a generous donation from the Norwegian Association of Non-Fiction Writers and Translators (NFF), financed by copyright revenues.

Article 2
This international translation prize, named the “AURORA BOREALIS” PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING TRANSLATION OF NON-FICTION LITERATURE, may be awarded either for a single translation of outstanding quality or for the entire body of a translator’s non-fiction work.

Article 3
This international translation prize shall be awarded at FIT World Congresses, pursuant to the decision of an international jury as provided in Article 5.

Article 4
Candidates must be nominated by a FIT member and must be members in good standing of the nominating organisation. No FIT member may nominate more than one candidate for this prize each time it is announced.

Article 5
The prize shall be awarded on the basis of a decision made by an international jury consisting of no less than three members appointed by the FIT Executive Committee, which shall also nominate the jury chairperson. Jury members may be re-appointed. The jury shall deliberate online and shall decide on a winner at least three months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 6
The prize shall consist of a plaque and a sum of money.

Article 7
Nominations shall be submitted on the official form and shall include the following:

a) A general report on the nominee’s merits and/or work, including any awards which he or she may have received and any (or all) articles written about his or her work, and the following particulars about his or her titles: Original title—Translated title (in English or French)—Target audience (age group)—Year of publication—Author—Publisher—Literary category—Number of pages.

b) A detailed analysis of the merits of the translation under consideration or of the quality of all the works of the candidate.

Nominations should be submitted in both French and English if at all possible, otherwise in one of the two languages.

Nominations not satisfying these requirements shall not be taken into consideration.

Article 8
Nominations shall be submitted online to the FIT Secretariat at least five months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 9
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RULES

(Approved by the FIT Council at its meeting in Geneva in April 1998 and amended in Ottawa in March 2017)

Article 1

The International Federation of Translators (FIT) has an international translation award designed to promote the translation of literary works written in languages of limited diffusion. The objectives of the award are to improve the quality of such literary translations and to draw attention to the role of translators in bringing the peoples of the world closer together in terms of culture.

Article 2

Karel Čapek was a famous Czech author of fiction and non-fiction literature. The KAREL ČAPEK MEDAL was presented for the first time at the Xlith FIT Congress in 1990, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Karel Čapek's birth, which is observed as a UNESCO anniversary. The medal may be awarded either for a single translation of outstanding quality or for the entire body of work of a literary translator of books written in languages of limited diffusion.

Article 3

This medal shall be awarded at FIT World Congresses, pursuant to the decision of an international jury as provided in Article 5.

Article 4

Candidates must be nominated by a FIT member and must be members in good standing of the nominating organisation. No FIT member may nominate more than one candidate for this prize each time it is announced.

Article 5

The medal shall be awarded on the basis of a decision made by an international jury consisting of no less than three members appointed by the FIT Executive Committee, which shall also nominate the jury chairperson. Jury members may be re-appointed. The jury shall deliberate online and shall decide on a winner at least three months before the opening of the Congress during which the prize is to be awarded. The jury must be selected in such a way as to ensure that it always includes experts in the language groups covered by the nominations.

Article 6

The award shall be an honorary prize consisting of a certificate of merit and a medal bearing a likeness of Karel Čapek, provided by the Czech Literary Translators' Guild.

Article 7

Nominations shall be submitted on the official form and shall include the following:

a) A general report on the nominee’s merits and/or work, including any awards which he or she may have received and any (or all) articles written about his or her work, and the following particulars about his or her titles: Original title—Translated title (in English or French)—Target audience (age group)—Year of publication—Author—Publisher—Literary category—Number of pages.

b) A detailed analysis of the merits of the translation under consideration or of the quality of all the works of the candidate.

Nominations should be submitted in both French and English if at all possible, otherwise in one of the two languages. Nominations not satisfying these requirements shall not be taken into consideration.

Article 8

Nominations shall be submitted online to the FIT Secretariat at least five months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 9

Anything not provided for in these rules may be decided by the FIT Awards Management Standing Committee.
FIT PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL TRANSLATION

RULES

(Approved online by the FIT Council in December 2013)

Article 1

The International Federation of Translators (FIT) has an international translation prize designed to promote scientific and technical translation, improve the quality thereof and draw attention to the role of translators in spreading knowledge to all the peoples of the world. The prize is sponsored by a generous donation from Pamela Mayorcas who is a member of the Institute of Translation and Interpreting (ITI) in the United Kingdom and who gifted her stipend as chairman, 2010-2011 in order to fund this prize. ITI will act as custodian of the prize fund. This will entail responsibility for the safe-keeping of the fund and for distribution of the award monies, but not for soliciting additional donations to the fund.

Article 2

This translation prize, named the FIT PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL TRANSLATION, may be awarded either for a single translation of outstanding quality or for the entire body of a translator’s work in this domain. The prize will recognise the important work done by scientific and technical translators in ensuring the transmission of knowledge and information across the language barrier for the benefit of business, industry and human society.

Article 3

This international translation prize shall be awarded at FIT World Congresses, pursuant to the decision of an international jury as provided in Article 5.

Article 4

Candidates must be nominated by a FIT member and must be members in good standing of the nominating organisation. No FIT member may nominate more than one candidate for this prize each time it is announced.

Article 5

The prize shall be awarded on the basis of a decision made by an international jury consisting of no less than three members appointed by the FIT Executive Committee in consultation with Pamela Mayorcas and an ITI representative appointed by the ITI Board. Jury members may be re-appointed. Pamela Mayorcas shall chair the jury. Should Pamela Mayorcas no longer be available or willing to be involved, the jury shall be appointed by the FIT Executive Committee in consultation with an ITI representative appointed by the ITI Board. The FIT Executive Committee shall in this case also nominate the jury chairperson.

The jury shall deliberate online and shall decide on a winner at least three months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 6

The prize shall consist of a plaque and a sum of money.

Article 7

Nominations shall be submitted on the official form and shall include the following:

a) A general report on the nominee’s merits and/or work, including any awards which he or she may have received and any (or all) articles written about his or her work, and the following particulars about his or her titles: Original title—Translated title (in English or French)—Target audience (age group)—Year of publication—Author—Publisher—Literary category—Number of pages.

b) A detailed analysis of the merits of the translation under consideration or of the quality of all the works of the candidate. Nominations should be submitted in both French and English if at all possible, otherwise in one of the two languages. Nominations not satisfying these requirements shall not be taken into consideration.

Article 8

Nominations shall be submitted online to the FIT Secretariat at least five months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 9

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FIT PRIZE FOR INTERPRETING EXCELLENCE

RULES

(Approved online by the FIT Council in December 2013)

Article 1

The International Federation of Translators (FIT) has an international prize for interpretation designed to promote and improve the quality of interpreting and draw attention to the role of interpreters in providing professional language access in a wide variety of situations.

Article 2

This international prize for interpretation, named the FIT PRIZE FOR INTERPRETING EXCELLENCE, may be awarded to an outstanding individual interpreter or a body that has made a valuable contribution to interpreting. The prize is sponsored by a generous donation from the Italian Association of Translators and Interpreters (AITI).

Article 3

This international prize for interpretation shall be awarded at FIT World Congresses, pursuant to the decision of an international jury as provided in Article 5.

Article 4

Candidates must be nominated by a FIT member and must be members in good standing of the nominating organisation. No FIT member may nominate more than one candidate for this prize each time it is announced.

Article 5

The prize shall be awarded on the basis of a decision made by an international jury consisting of no less than three members appointed by the FIT Executive Committee, which shall also nominate the jury chairperson. Jury members may be re-appointed. The jury shall deliberate online and shall decide on a winner at least three months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 6

The prize shall consist of a plaque and a sum of money.

Article 7

Nominations shall be submitted on the official form and shall include the following:

a) A general report on the nominee’s merits and/or voluntary work.

b) A detailed analysis of the merits of the nominee and the importance of all the works of the candidate.

Nominations should be submitted in both French and English if at all possible, otherwise in one of the two languages. Nominations not satisfying these requirements shall not be taken into consideration.

Article 8

Nominations shall be submitted online to the FIT Secretariat at least five months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 9

Anything not provided for in these rules may be decided by the FIT Awards Management Standing Committee.
ALBIN TYBULEWICZ PRIZE FOR PROFESSIONAL SOLIDARITY IN THE TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING COMMUNITY

RULES

(Approved online by FIT Council on 10 January 2020)

Article 1

The International Federation of Translators (FIT) has an international prize designed to promote the idea of voluntary work performed by individual translators and interpreters in their professional organisations which serve the interests of this professional community. The prize is established under the moral sponsorship of the Polish Society of Sworn and Specialised Translators (TEPIS) and the Institute of Translation and Interpreting (ITI).

Article 2

This international prize, named the ALBIN TYBULEWICZ PRIZE FOR PROFESSIONAL SOLIDARITY IN THE TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING COMMUNITY may be awarded to a member of an organisation affiliating translators and interpreters for his or her outstanding and long-lasting efforts made in the interests of this professional community.

Article 3

This international prize shall be awarded at FIT World Congresses, pursuant to the decision of an international jury as provided in Article 5.

Article 4

Candidates must be nominated by a FIT member and must be members in good standing of the nominating organisation. No FIT member may nominate more than one candidate for this prize each time it is announced.

Article 5

The prize shall be awarded on the basis of a decision made by an international jury consisting of no less than three members appointed by the FIT Executive Committee, which shall also nominate the jury chairperson. Jury members may be re-appointed. The jury shall deliberate online and shall decide on a winner at least three months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 6

The award shall be an honorary prize consisting of a certificate of merit and a medal provided by the Polish Society of Sworn and Specialized Translators (TEPIS) and the Institute of Translation and Interpreting (ITI).

Article 7

Nominations shall be submitted in the official form and shall include the following:

a) A general report on the nominee's merits and/or voluntary work, including any awards which he or she may have received and any (or all) articles written about his or her work.

b) A detailed analysis of the merits of the nominee and the importance of all of his or her work.

Nominations should be submitted in both French and English if at all possible, otherwise in one of the two languages.

Nominations not satisfying these requirements shall not be taken into consideration.

Article 8

Nominations shall be submitted online to the FIT Secretariat at least five months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 9

Anything not provided for in these rules may be decided by the FIT Awards Management Standing Committee.
RULES

(Aproved online by FIT Council on 10 January 2020)

Article 1
The International Federation of Translators (FIT) has an international translation award designed to promote the translation of works of fiction or non-fiction originally written in an African Language by a citizen of any of the 16 SADC countries*. The objectives of the prize are to promote, foster and recognise translation of excellent quality and to draw attention to the role of translators in bringing the peoples in this region of the world closer together in terms of culture. The prize is established under the auspices of and with the financial support of the South African Translators’ Institute (SATI).

*Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini (Swaziland), Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Article 2
This international prize, named MARION BOERS PRIZE FOR TRANSLATION OF WORK OF FICTION OR NON-FICTION BY AN AUTHOR FROM A SADC MEMBER STATE may be awarded to an individual who demonstrates excellence in translation. The translators may be of any nationality. This prize is in honour of Marion Boers who was the President of FIT for two consecutive mandates from 2008 to 2014. She was the Executive Director of SATI for more than two decades. The prize may be awarded either for a single translation of outstanding quality or for the entire body of work of fiction or non-fiction involving at least one African language.

Article 3
This prize shall be awarded at FIT World Congresses, pursuant to the decision of an international jury as provided in Article 5.

Article 4
Candidates must be nominated by a FIT member and must be members in good standing of the nominating organisation. No FIT member may nominate more than one candidate for this prize each time it is announced.

Article 5
The prize shall be awarded on the basis of a decision made by an international jury consisting of no less than three members appointed by the FIT Executive Committee, which shall also nominate the jury chairperson. One of the members of the jury should be from any one of the SADC countries in order to have one expert in the language groups covered by the nominations. Jury members may be re-appointed. The jury shall deliberate online and shall decide on a winner at least three months before the opening of the Congress during which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 6
The prize shall be consist of a plaque and a sum of money.

Article 7
Nominations shall be submitted on the official form and shall include the following:

a) A general report on the nominee's merits and/or work, including any awards which he or she may have received and any (or all) articles written about his or her work, and the following particulars about his or her titles: Original title—Translated title (in English or French)—Target audience (age group)—Year of publication—Author—Publisher—Literary category—Number of pages

b) A detailed analysis of the merits of the translation under consideration or of the quality of all the works of the candidate. Nominations should be submitted in both French and English if at all possible, otherwise in one of the two languages.

Nominations not satisfying these requirements shall not be taken into consideration.

Article 8
Nominations shall be submitted online to the FIT Secretariat at least five months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 9
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RULES

(Approved by the FIT Council at its meeting in Geneva in April 1998 and amended in Ottawa in March 2017)

Article 1

The International Federation of Translators (FIT) has an award to recognise excellence in member associations’ periodicals.

Article 2

The competition shall be open to any non-academic periodical published by any FIT member, or any recognised branch, chapter, regional group or section of such organisation, for their members.

Article 3

The prize shall be awarded at FIT World Congresses, pursuant to the decision of an international jury as provided in Article 6. No FIT member may nominate more than one publication for this prize each time it is announced.

Article 4

Nominations must be accompanied by electronic copies of the three most recent issues of the periodical, published consecutively.

Article 5

A prize winner at one Congress will not be eligible to be nominated at the following Congress.

Article 6

The prize shall be awarded on the basis of a decision made by an international jury consisting of no less than three members appointed by the FIT Executive Committee, which shall also nominate the jury chairperson. Jury members may be re-appointed. The jury shall deliberate online and shall decide on a winner at least three months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 7

Nominations shall be submitted online and on the official form to the FIT Secretariat at least five months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Nominations should be submitted in both French and English if at all possible, otherwise in one of the two languages.

Article 8

A plaque and a sum of money will be awarded to the journal which is considered to best promote the professional image of the translator, terminologist and/or interpreter in terms of quality, presentation and relevance. The jury may also decide that one or more of the other nominations deserve honourable mention.

Article 9

Anything not provided for in these rules may be decided by the FIT Awards Management Standing Committee.
FIT PRIZE FOR BEST WEBSITE

RULES
(Approved online by the FIT Council on 14 November 2001 and amended in Ottawa in 2017)

Article 1
The International Federation of Translators (FIT) has an award to recognise excellence in member associations’ websites.

Article 2
Any FIT member in good standing or any recognised branch, chapter, regional group or section of such a member is entitled to nominate its website for the Best Website Prize.

Article 3
The prize shall be awarded at FIT World Congresses, pursuant to the decision of an international jury as provided in Article 6. No FIT member may nominate more than one website for this prize each time it is announced.

Article 4
Nominations must be accompanied by the URL of the main page and a password for accessing the protected pages of the site, if any.

Article 5
A prize winner at one Congress will not be eligible to be nominated at the following Congress.

Article 6
The prize shall be awarded on the basis of a decision made by an international jury consisting of no less than three members appointed by the FIT Executive Committee, which shall also nominate the jury chairperson. Jury members may be re-appointed. The jury shall deliberate online and shall decide on a winner at the latest three months prior to the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Article 7
Nominations shall be submitted online and on the official form to the FIT Secretariat at least five months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.
Nominations should be submitted in both French and English if at all possible, otherwise in one of the two languages.

Article 8
A plaque and a sum of money will be awarded to the website which is considered to best promote the professional image of the translator, terminologist and/or interpreter in terms of quality, presentation and relevance. The jury may also decide that one or more of the other nominations deserve honourable mention.

Article 9
Anything not provided for in these rules may be decided by the FIT Awards Management Standing Committee.
RULES

(Approved online by the FIT Council on 14 November 2001 and amended in Ottawa in 2017)

Article 1

Pierre-François Caillé was the founder of the International Federation of Translators (FIT). The Pierre-François Caillé Memorial Medal is intended to give recognition to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional merit in promoting the status and reputation of the translation profession at the international level.

Article 2

The medal plus a sum of money may be awarded at FIT World Congresses, although the jury is not required to make the award at every World Congress.

Article 3

The recipient of the Pierre-François Caillé Memorial Medal must be a member in good standing of a FIT member.

Article 4

Nominations for the Medal may be made by FIT members or by individual members of such members.

Article 5

The FIT Council shall act as the jury for this award. The Council’s decision requires two-thirds majority by secret ballot. In the event that a member of the Council is nominated for the Medal, he or she shall be excluded from the discussion as well as from the ballot.

Article 6

No one may be awarded the Pierre-François-Caillé Memorial Medal more than once.

Article 7

Nominations shall be submitted online and on the official form to the FIT Secretariat at least five months before the opening of the Congress at which the prize is to be awarded.

Nominations should be submitted in both French and English if at all possible, otherwise in one of the two languages.

Article 8

Anything not provided for in these rules may be decided by the FIT Awards Management Standing Committee.