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DSM Nutrition Award 2009
Call for Nominations

Royal DSM N.V., the global Life Sciences and Materials Sciences company headquartered in the Netherlands, is pleased to invite nominations for its 2nd DSM Nutrition Award for research on human nutrition. The company has a long-standing commitment to investigating the benefits of nutritional products such as vitamins, carotenoids, polyunsaturated fatty acids, naturally occurring bioactive compounds and various functional food ingredients for human health. The DSM Nutrition Award, which forms part of the DSM Innovation Awards Program, has been established to recognize and reward excellence in innovative research in this area and to encourage continued scientific exploration of the role of nutrition in human health.

The scope of the DSM Nutrition Award includes innovative research related to essential nutrients as well as to other naturally occurring bioactive compounds in the field of human nutrition. This can be research of a fundamental nature as well as applied research providing solutions to important research questions in the field of human nutrition. A prime requirement is that the research must have significantly advanced the world’s understanding and knowledge of key questions in the field of human nutrition, contributed to general well-being and/or reduced the risk of chronic disease in man.

The award carries a cash prize of EUR 50,000 and is granted every four years.

Candidates* for the award can be put forward by nomination only. Each nomination should be accompanied by a one-page summary motivating the nomination, plus a more detailed description of the research accomplishments not exceeding five pages. The nomination should highlight the contribution of the candidate’s work to human nutrition, and include a list of the peer-reviewed publications supporting the research plus a maximum of five key papers. A curriculum vitae and supporting letter(s) from recognized scientists in the field are required. Candidates cannot nominate themselves.

An international pre-selection committee will review the nominations and submit a shortlist of the best candidates to an international judging committee, which will select the winner. The award will be presented at the 19th International Congress of Nutrition in Bangkok, Thailand, October 4-9, 2009. The award recipient must be present to accept the award and present a paper on his/her research achievements.

Nominations must be made using the nomination form that can be downloaded from DSM’s awards website at www.innovationawards.dsm.com and should preferably be submitted in electronic form (e-mail or CD-ROM) to:

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April 15, 2009

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