FEBS has given careful consideration to the way in which it supports younger scientists through the prizes awarded to the authors of the papers judged to be the best of their kind published in FEBS Journal and FEBS Letters each year. It has decided to adopt a new scheme from 2015 that will better complement the overall objectives of FEBS as a charitable organization dedicated to fostering biochemical research, education and scientific cooperation. In 2014, prizes will be awarded in the same way as now (with the recipients selected from papers published during 2013).

From 2015, FEBS Journal will continue to award a prize every year to the paper judged by the Editors to be the most meritorious with a first author who is a post-graduate student or post-doctoral scientist of no more than three years standing since the award of the PhD Degree. The prize will consist of a personal gift of €1000 plus an invitation to present the work in a plenary lecture at the annual FEBS Congress.

FEBS Letters, on the other hand, will open its prize of €10,000 to the senior authors of all papers published in FEBS Letters, regardless of the age or standing of the authors. The FEBS Letters prize will be awarded every other year, also with an invitation to present a plenary lecture at the corresponding FEBS Congress.

FEBS believes that this is a timely adaptation of its policy, taking into account an ever-growing financial need to care for the long-term support of the core activities of FEBS.

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