

The new PRACE HPC Excellence Award

Call for nominations open!

*PRACE is delighted to announce that the call for nominations for the **2022 PRACE HPC Excellence Award** is open. This newly created award recognises an outstanding individual or team for ground-breaking research that leads to significant scientific advances through the usage of HPC. In 2022 the prize will be presented at [PASC22](#) which will be held from 27 to 29 June 2022 in Basel, Switzerland, in the form of a plenary talk. PRACE is happy to receive nominations. The call for nominations will close on 20 May 2022.*

With the newly created HPC Excellence Award, PRACE honours the most distinguished projects and researchers in the field of HPC. “By creating this award, we want to acknowledge outstanding science made possible by the usage of cutting-edge HPC methodologies and algorithms,” said Dr Laura Grigori, Chair of the Prize Committee and former Chair of the PRACE Scientific Steering Committee. “The focus of the award is on the impact of the winning research on science and HPC, and less on the performance aspects that other HPC prizes put the emphasis on,” she added.

The award can be given to any individual or team that demonstrates that the work has been communicated and peer-reviewed within five years preceding the nomination deadline.

The winner will receive a prize sum of € 20 000.

The Terms of Reference of the Award, including Eligibility and Review Criteria, and information on how to submit the nominations can be found on the [PRACE website](#).

Prize Committee

The Prize Committee is composed of six well-renowned international scientists, three being members of the [PRACE Scientific Steering Committee \(SSC\)](#), and three from external scientific institutions. The Committee is formed considering diversity in its different forms, such as field of expertise, gender, country, academy/industry.

The current members are:

- Dr Laura Grigori, INRIA (Chair of the Prize Committee, and former Chair of the PRACE Scientific Steering Committee)
- Prof. George Biros, University of Texas at Austin
- Prof. Jack Dongarra, University of Tennessee
- Prof. Erik Lindahl, Stockholm University
- Prof. Nathalie Reuter, University of Bergen (Chair of the PRACE Scientific Steering Committee)
- Prof. Matej Praprotnik, National Institute of Chemistry, Ljubljana (Member of the PRACE Scientific Steering Committee)

Notification of the award

The winner(s) of the award will be notified by 6 June 2022. They commit to participating in PASC22 conference and to giving a plenary talk there.

“We are looking forward to receiving and reviewing many outstanding nominations,” said Serge Bogaerts, Managing Director of PRACE aisbl. “PRACE is really supporting the most excellent



projects in the field of HPC, and it's important to raise awareness for these project's crucial contributions to science and society," he added.

About PRACE

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