



# *The 42<sup>nd</sup> (2026) International Prize for Biology*

## **Call for Nominations**

Research Field for 2026:

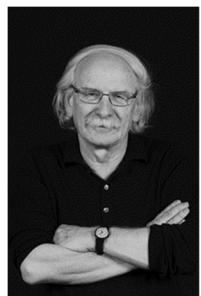
**Biology of Symbiosis (interspecific interactions)**

Please access to: <https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-biol>

**Deadline: 23:59 (JST) on Monday, 2 March, 2026**

- The International Prize for Biology was established in 1985 to commemorate the 60-year reign of Emperor Showa and his longtime devotion to biological research.
- The Prize is awarded each year to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of basic research in the field of biology.
- The Prize consists of a medal and a prize of 10 million yen.
- The award ceremony will be held in Tokyo in December 2026 in the presence of their Imperial Highnesses Crown Prince and Crown Princess Akishino.
- The awardee is required to attend both the award ceremony and the accompanying symposium in person.

### *Recent Prize Winners*



2025  
Prof. Giacomo  
Rizzolatti  
(Neurobiology)



2024  
Dr. Angelika Brandt  
(Systematic Biology and  
Taxonomy)



2023  
Dr. Richard  
Durbin  
(Biology of Genomes)



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