

**Estonian Academy of Sciences – Latvian Academy of Sciences – Lithuanian
Academy of Sciences**

**Statutes of the Medal
of the Baltic Academies of Sciences**

1. The Estonian Academy of Sciences, the Latvian Academy of Sciences and the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences have established a joint Medal to be awarded in recognition of distinguished contribution to the advancement of collaboration among scientists of the Baltic countries and performance of joint research. The Award shall be granted to an individual scientist or science administrator.
2. The Medal shall be awarded for outstanding contribution to
 - 2.1. performance and advancement of joint research programmes of the Baltic Academies of Sciences and other common research projects involving Baltic scientists;
 - 2.2. advancement of a subject of common concern for the Baltic countries through performing individual research;
 - 2.3. arranging of relevant scientific events which promote collaboration between scientists of the Baltic countries;
 - 2.4. developing of transboundary cooperation between academic institutions in the Baltic Sea region.
3. The Medal shall be awarded in connection with the Baltic Conference on Intellectual Cooperation (hereinafter *Conference*) or the Meeting of the Presidents of the Baltic Academies of Sciences (hereinafter *Meeting*). For each year of the Conference or Meeting there shall be no more than one recipient of the Medal out of the candidates nominated by each Academy.
4. Every year of the Conference or Meeting each Academy shall nominate at least two candidates for the Medal. There shall be no restrictions on the nationality of the recipient.
5. An appropriate description of the candidate's achievements in relation to the purpose of the Award shall be appended with the candidate's *Curriculum vitae* and other documents which are considered necessary by the nominating Academy. The nomination shall reach the Award Committee at least 30 days prior to the first day of the Conference or Meeting. The Committee shall decide on the recipient not later than 20 days before the first day of the Conference or Meeting.
6. A joint Award Committee consisting of 9 members – 3 persons from the Estonian Academy of Sciences, 3 from the Latvian Academy of Sciences, and 3 from the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences – shall consider the nominations. The Committee's work shall be conducted by a Chairman who is a representative of the Academy which administers the Conference or Meeting in the respective year.

7. In selecting the recipient of the Medal, the Committee considers such criteria as joint publications in scientific journals, joint reports in scientific conferences, the importance of the event or the significance of the new cooperation mode for the Baltic or international scientific community.
8. The work of the Award Committee (exchange of views, secret ballot, annotation of the recipient's contribution) shall be arranged through electronic channels provided by the Secretariat of the Academy that hosts the Conference or Meeting in the respective year.
9. The Award Committee shall make the decisions by a simple majority of votes by secret ballot. The decisions of awarding shall be considered and accepted by the Presidents of the three academies.
10. The Medal shall be presented, whenever possible, personally to the recipient(s) by the Presidents of the three Academies.
11. The Medal shall be cast in silver; on its front side the emblems of the Estonian Academy of Sciences, the Latvian Academy of Sciences and the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences shall be reproduced, and the reverse side shall include an inscription "*Medalium Academii Scientiarum Baltici*" as well as engravings of the full name of the recipient, the date of awarding and the number of the Medal.
12. The Medal shall be accompanied by a Diploma, signed by each President of the three academies. The Diploma shall have a number corresponding to the number of the Medal, the date and place of its awarding. The date of awarding shall be the day when the Committee's decision is accepted by the third of the three Presidents. The place of awarding shall be the town where the Conference or Meeting is held in the respective year. The Diploma shall consist of four A4 pages: page 1 featuring the emblems of all three academies; page 2 presenting the text in English, page 3 bearing the text in the official language of the Academy having nominated the recipient (in case the recipient is not from the Baltic countries, page 3 shall be written in English), and a blank page 4.

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The Latvian Academy of Sciences covered the costs for artistic development and production of the Medal until 2021.