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From the Physical Secretary and Vice-President Professor Martin Taylor
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**The Royal Society and Académie des Sciences Microsoft European Science Award 2006
– call for nominations**

The Royal Society and the Académie des Sciences are pleased to invite nominations for the Royal Society and Académie des Sciences Microsoft European Science Award 2006.

This award, sponsored by Microsoft Research, will recognise scientists who have made a major contribution to the advancement of the biological sciences through the use of computing. The prize will be open to any research scientist working in Europe.

The prize will comprise a trophy and an award of €250,000, of which €7,500 will constitute prize money and the rest will be earmarked for further research.

Nominations can be made by senior academics and members of the National Academies of Science. The nominations consist of a statement from the nominator outlining the candidate's scientific record, suitability for the award and impact in their subject area, and a proposal by the nominee for the programme of research activities on which to spend the award.

I would be most grateful if you could pass this information on to colleagues and scientists who you think would be interested in nominating or being nominated for this award.

For full details of the award and an on-line nomination form, visit www.royalsoc.ac.uk/microsoft. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the award secretary, Madeleine Bell, on 020 7451 2607 or madeleine.bell@royalsoc.ac.uk. The closing date for nominations is **Wednesday 31 May 2006**.

Yours sincerely

M. J. Taylor



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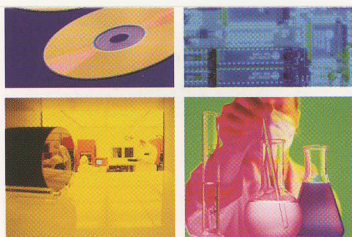
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Dear Colleague

I invite you to submit a nomination for the Royal Society and Académie des Sciences Microsoft European Science Award.

This prestigious new award, sponsored by Microsoft Research, is designed to recognise and reward scientists working in Europe who have made a major contribution to the advancement of science through the use of computational methods.

The 2006 award is open to any research scientist who has made a significant contribution at the intersection of the natural sciences and computing. (In 2007, the award will focus on computing and the physical sciences.)

The award will comprise a trophy and a monetary amount of €250,000, of which €7,500 will constitute prize money with the rest earmarked for further research.

Full details of the award, including the online nomination form, can be accessed at www.royalsoc.ac.uk/microsoft. The closing date for nominations is 31 May 2006. If you have any queries, please contact the award secretariat on +44 (0)20 7451 2607 or awards@royalsoc.ac.uk

I would urge you to give this award your attention and to please circulate this information to colleagues who may be interested in it.

Yours faithfully

M. J. Taylor

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