

## The International Academy for Systems and Cybernetic Sciences

### Charles FRANÇOIS international prize

The International Academy for Systems and Cybernetic Sciences (IASCYS) was created in 2010, as the International Federation for System Research (IFSR) felt the need to honour distinguished researchers. Since then, the academy never ceased to pursue this purpose. One of its objectives is also to *strengthen the links between all the actors involved in this scientific area*, who are part of independent federations or associations. In collaboration with the Bertalanffy Center for the Study of Systems Sciences (BCSSS), the Academy also contributed to the attribution of the Ludwig von Bertalanffy prize, associated to the Ph.D. day, during the 2012 and 2014 European Meetings on Cybernetics and Systems Research (EMCSR).

*The Charles François prize aims to reward young scientists for all the promising aspects in their research, teaching or popularisation activities in Cybernetics and System Sciences.*

*That prize shall be awarded only on the occasion of joint congresses*, resulting from the association of at least 2 federative structures (EMCSR, IFSR, UES-EUS, WOSC... this list is but exhaustive), and without any obligation of periodicity. First, before the congress and based on the abstracts booklet provided – at least one month before – by the joint organisers, the academicians will proceed on a first selection of a large range of promising subjects. Then, during the congress, a jury composed of both organisers and attendees, and presided by a representative of the Academy, will select a maximum of 3 presentations among the reports previously selected. The author of the best one will be awarded *the jury's prize, i.e. a copy of the International Encyclopaedia of Systems and Cybernetics, donated with a dedication and autograph from Charles François*. Only after the publication of the final version of their work, in the support elected by the organisers, all the laureates will be granted *a certificate emitted by the Academy, testifying the excellent quality of their work*. If no candidate were to be selected, there would be no prize awarded in that case.

Founding member of the Academy, Charles François – settled in Argentina but born in Belgium – has dedicated his life to teaching, research and divulgation activities in cybernetics and system sciences, with the publication of many works (in French, Spanish and English) among which the International *Encyclopaedia of Systems and Cybernetics*; a *work of synthesis* of which he is the editor.

The work honoured with this prize may thus *be written and presented orally in English, Spanish or French*. If the oral presentation is not performed in English, the document displayed on the screen ought to be in English. On the contrary, if the oral presentation is performed in English, the digital support ought to be prepared in at least one of the 2 other languages mentioned above. The submitted work, ought to be accompanied with at least 2 abstracts in a different language, among which one must be in English. If the text is in English, charts and graphs must be presented in at least one different language, which must also be used for the abstract. Conversely, if the text is not written in English, that must then be the case for the charts and graphs as well as the abstract. Added abstracts in other languages will also be valuable.

*Read and approved by Charles François*



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