## **Directive for the Election of Science Academy Honorary Members**

The Honorary Members of the Science Academy are comprised of four categories:

**Category I:** Foreign scientists who have a special interest and support for the Science Academy as well as the highest contribution to science and academic values.

**Category II:** Those who have great contributions to the development of science and university education, scientific infrastructure and opportunities in Turkey.

Category III: Those selected for their special support to the Science Academy.

**Category IV:** Scientists who have the academic competency for membership but currently not having Turkish citizenship. These scientists are of Turkish origin and continuing their close scientific relations with Turkey or having scientific research subjects related to Turkey.

Category V: 'Named' Honorary Memberships ('Memorial Honorary Memberships')

Some of the honorary memberships of the Academy of Sciences may be named after prominent Turkish scientists who have passed away. Those to be named and nominated for named honorary memberships are the world's leading scientists, especially the winners of the Nobel Prize, the Fields Medal in Mathematics, the Abel Prize, or other prestigious prizes in other fields of science, or scientists who are qualified to receive these prizes. Existing honorary members can also be nominated for named honorary memberships. After the death of a named honorary member, another suitable candidate may be selected. The nomination and election procedure for named honorary memberships is the same as the nomination and election procedure for other honorary membership categories.

Initiation of Named Honorary Memberships: Three members of the Academy of Sciences shall propose to the Board of Directors the names of the persons in whose names honorary memberships are proposed to be created. Named honorary memberships shall be established by the decision of the Board of Directors.

Honorary member candidates nominated other than Category IV are elected by the joint written proposal of three principal members, assent of the Executive Board and approval of the General Assembly in accordance with the Article 9 of the Science Academy Bylaw and invited for membership. The Honorary Member candidates nominated for the IV. Category, are reviewed within the same process and calendar as the Science Academy Directive of Principal Member Election.

The nominators may ask the candidate beforehand about being an Honorary Member. Alternatively, the candidates may be invited to become an Honorary Member after their Honorary Membership proposal is accepted at the General Assembly and see if they accept or not. The process, which may be different for each candidate, is left to the discretion of the nominating members.

The members who nominate the candidates prepare a Science Academy Honorary Member Candidacy Proposal, which outlines in detail, the candidate's superior qualities and the reasons why their membership will honor the Science Academy. This proposal, excluding the IV. Category is presented to the Executive Board at least two months prior to the General Assembly, at which the candidacy will be discussed. If the Executive Board decides that the qualities of the candidate put forth in the proposal needs to be assessed for Principal Membership rather than Honorary Membership due to academic criteria, this is relayed to the nominators. The Executive Board shares the letters related to the Honorary Membership candidates, except for the IV. Category, on the agenda with all the principal members one week before the General Assembly.

The proposal consists of the following information:

Science Academy Honorary Member Candidacy Proposal

Date:

Honorary Member Candidate:

Date of birth: Address, e-mail: Brief Resume, most significant contributions / works / full list of publications Nominating members:

Why should the candidate become an Honorary Member of the Science Academy?

A detailed and justified explanation needs to be written on the matter.