

RULES OF THE JAN MICHALSKI PRIZE FOR LITERATURE

PREAMBLE

In accordance with Article 2 of the Statutes of the *Fondation Jan Michalski pour l'écriture et la Littérature* (hereafter the Fondation Jan Michalski), the Council of the Foundation has decided to create a literary prize, to be known as:

THE JAN MICHALSKI PRIZE FOR LITERATURE

(hereafter the *Jan Michalski Prize*)

The Jan Michalski Prize was officially launched on 27 October 2009.

ARTICLE 1: THE JAN MICHALSKI PRIZE

The Jan Michalski Prize will be awarded for a work of world literature in the fiction and non fiction categories, except poetry.

1.1. Criteria for the award of the Jan Michalski Prize

The Jan Michalski Prize shall be awarded to one book a year, irrespective of the language in which it is written.

1.2. Frequency of awards

The Jan Michalski Prize shall be awarded every year.

1.3. The Jan Michalski Prize

The laureate shall receive the sum of CHF 50,000 (fifty thousand Swiss francs), a diploma and a work of art specially created for the Jan Michalski Prize.

In the case of a collective work, the Jan Michalski Prize may be awarded to more than one author and the sum of CHF 50,000 divided between them.

The Fondation Jan Michalski shall offer the authors of short-listed works a period of residence of three months in the *Maison de l'écriture* in Montricher.

1.4. Date of the award of the Prize

The Jan Michalski Prize will normally be awarded in November of each year, at a ceremony in Montricher in the presence of the Jury and of the five short-listed candidates.

ARTICLE 2: THE JURY

2.1. The members of the Jury

The Jan Michalski Prize is awarded by the Fondation Jan Michalski. The laureate shall be selected by an international Jury comprising nine members, including the President of the Jury. Vera Michalski-Hoffmann, President of the Council of the Foundation, is President of the Jury for life.

2.2. Selection of Jury members

The Council of the Foundation shall appoint the members of the Jury in complete independence. The members of the Jury shall exercise their mandates in an honorary capacity for a term of three years. The Council of the Foundation nevertheless reserves the right to reduce the term of the mandate of individual members. Upon expiry of their mandate, the Council of the Foundation may either reappoint the members of the Jury or appoint new members.

The Jury shall be composed of persons of diverse nationalities and cultural horizons, who have gained recognition in the various forms of literary expression.

The members of the Jury shall serve in their own name and shall not represent any interest group or commercial entity.

The President of the Fondation Jan Michalski shall contact each person nominated in writing and confirm their appointment as a member of the Jury. The nominated members shall take note of the present Rules and the internal Rules.

ARTICLE 3: NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

3.1. Conditions for participation of the award

Only works published and printed by a publisher shall be accepted for consideration. Manuscripts and self-published works shall not be accepted. The works must have been published within five years preceding the awards of the Prize. New editions of previously published books shall only be accepted if the work has undergone significant revision by the author. To be considered for the Prize, works must be submitted by members of the Jury.

3.2. Closing date

The closing date for entries shall be 1 March of each year. The list of works submitted for the Jan Michalski Prize shall not be published, except for those on the short list considered in the final deliberations of the Jury.

ARTICLE 4: DELIBERATIONS OF THE JURY

The Jury shall deliberate in full independence and shall receive no instructions from anyone. Its deliberations shall be conducted in secret; no reports of the meetings shall be published.

Decisions shall be taken by simple majority, although at least three-quarters of the members of the Jury must participate in the vote for the deliberations to be valid.

The Jury shall meet for a first session to make a preliminary selection of works. At the end of this session, the Jury will announce a short list of works to go forward for final selection. Parts of the short-listed works shall then be translated to be read by all the members. The name of the laureate shall be announced at the final session of the Jury. The Jury's decision shall be final.

ARTICLE 5: FINAL PROVISIONS

5.1. Amendments to the Rules

With the exception of the provision concerning the life mandate of the President of the Jury, these Rules may be revised at any time by the Council of the Foundation.

5.2. Announcement of the Prize

The result of the Jury's deliberations shall be communicated through the media. The Foundation Jan Michalski will not return the books submitted for the competition. Only those writers whose books have been successful in the preliminary selection will be notified.

Montricher, 12 April 2010