

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Sauvage-Stoddart-Feringa junior award for the design and synthesis of molecular machines is awarded biennially to young scientists who have made original outstanding contributions to the design, synthesis and study of artificial molecular machines.

At the deadline date, candidates must have less than 12 years of experience since completion of their PhD, must be below 40 years of age, and should not hold a permanent position.

The awardee will be invited to give a lecture at the Mach-5 meeting that will be held in Liblice, Czech Republic, from 6th to 9th September 2026.

Nomination

Candidates are nominated by individual researchers or research institutions with consolidated reputation in the field of molecular machines and related disciplines. Self-nominations are not accepted. The members of the evaluation committee cannot be nominated, or nominate another candidate. A nomination must include:

- A curriculum vitae (maximum 2 pages)
- List of up to 10 most significant publications
- A nomination letter
- Two support letters

All the documents, in English language, must be sent electronically as a single pdf file to:
molecularmachineawards@gmail.com.

The deadline for the submission of the nomination is 31st March 2026, 00:00 CET.

The Prize Winner will be notified in early June 2026. He/she will be selected by a jury that include Nobel laureates Profs. Jean-Pierre Sauvage and Ben Feringa (or their delegates), and Mach-5 current and past organizers. The jury can decide not to identify a winner if none of the candidates is considered to be sufficiently deserving.

Prague, Bologna and Kiel, 8th January 2026



Dr. Jiří Kaleta



Prof. Alberto Credi



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