



The “Suworov – Prize”

A Swiss-Russian Award for Innovation

1 Introduction

The Swiss Russian Forum (SRF) has created the Suworov-Prize as an award for outstandingly innovative projects in the sectors of science and technology, jurisprudence, finance and health. Entrepreneurship plays a decisive role in the selection of the Prize-winners as the marketability of the innovation is viewed essential.

The Suworov-Prize will be bestowed upon Swiss and/or Russian citizens whose projects have a cross-national or international impact as stipulated in the statutory aims of the SRF.

The name of the prize honours the Russian General Alexander V. Suworov who, in 1799, fought against Napoleon’s army in the Gotthard area of central Switzerland. There, a Suworov monument has been erected in memory of the General’s and his Russian soldiers’ brave campaign to assist the Swiss. Suworov is seen as an early bridge-builder between Switzerland and the Russian Federation.

Apart from distinguishing the winners, the Suworov-Award is also intended to provide encouragement and additional publicity as well as to serve as a reference. The prize-giving ceremony is held either in the Russian Federation or in Switzerland, with media presence and reputed speakers.

The selection criteria for this award are: creativity, degree of innovation, social relevance, marketability as well as science and technology transfer.

The Suworov-Prize provides the winners with USD 10’000.00 in cash and a one-year start-up coaching for the innovation project.



2 Organisation

The SRF is responsible for the organisation of the Suworov-Award on an annual basis. The prize-winning ceremony alternates between the Russian Federation and Switzerland. Media coverage will generate publicity and additional encouragement for future participation.

The criteria for the selection of prize-winning projects are: innovation value, creativity, social relevance and marketability as well as financial viability.

Eligible for the SRF Suworov-Award are students, graduates, post-graduates, scientific staff and doctoral candidates at all universities and colleges, as well as companies or their designated representatives.

2.1 Overview of assessment criteria

Creativity: Original, Interdisciplinary, Simplicity of idea.

Innovation value: Transfer between science and business, time elapsed since moment of innovation meets specifications; project leads to improvement relative to status quo.

Social relevance: Timeliness of the project, project meets a social need; project has a broad social impact.

Marketability: Project refers to market demand; feasibility, relevant for and realisable in the market; financial viability.

3 Jury

- Nicolas Berg, Partner Redalpine Venture Partner AG, Zurich
- Dr. iur. Thomas Frick, Partner Niederer Kraft & Frey AG, Zurich
- Henning Grossmann, CEO Technopark Zurich
- Michael Lifshitz, Renova Group, Moscow
- Béatrice G. Lombard-Martin, Executive President Swiss Russian Forum
- Galina Sato, CEO granite group, Zurich
- Andri Manatschal, Partner pwc PricewaterhouseCoopers, Zurich



Application Form

Information relating to the applicant/contact

Last name, First name.....

Title, Function.....

Private address.....

Postcode, Town.....Tel P.....Fax P.....

EmailMobile.....

Company / University.....

Address.....

Postcode, TownTelFax

EmailWebsite.....

Information relating to the project

Project name

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Brief description of the project

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Place, date

Signature of project leader