

# Nano Races, Prizes, and Awards

The new year is under way and we are excited to see that a nano car race first proposed by Joachim and Rapenne in *ACS Nano* last January<sup>1</sup> is gaining traction. According to Christian Joachim, six teams have registered so far. The idea has also been featured as among the most exciting upcoming science for the new year in *La Recherche* and *La Monde*.

Our own *ACS Nano* Lectureship Awards will be given out this year at NANO 2014 in July in Moscow.<sup>2</sup> The call for nominations is now available online.<sup>3</sup> Just as we have done the last two years,<sup>4,5</sup> there will be three awards

in 2014 to honor researchers who have had major impact in nanoscience and nanotechnology. One recipient will be chosen from each of the following three regions: The

Americas, Europe/Middle East/Africa, and Asia/Pacific. The jury will be composed of *ACS Nano* editors Yury Gogotsi, Molly Stevens, Andrew Wee, and Paul Weiss as well as a representative of NANO 2014, to be named. We anticipate another keen competition among top scientists and engineers from around the world. Please send us your nominations by March 3, 2014, to [acsnano@acs.org](mailto:acsnano@acs.org).

Prize competitions have become increasingly popular ways to crowd source ideas to go after big problems, from mobile health to robotics to space flight. One competition of possible relevance to our nanoscience and nanotechnology community is the recently announced Ocean Health X-Prize in which the acidity of the ocean is to be measured with distributed networks of sensors.<sup>6</sup> We

refer our readers to this competition to see what we as a community can contribute, here and elsewhere, in addressing global challenges.

We hope that your year is also off to an award-winning start. We look forward to sharing your most exciting nanoscience and nanotechnology discoveries and advances.

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