

Editorial

The European Physical Journal C has recently opened a new section of EPJ C direct, entitled 'Young Scientists', with the intention to offer to young physicists at the beginning of their scientific career the possibility of publishing outstanding contributions. This section has been started with publications of prize winners at the ERICE School which have been selected and awarded by an international jury.

We now continue the section by publishing an outstanding thesis which has recently been selected by a DESY committee: this committee awards, every year, a prize to the best dissertation of a young DESY scientist.

We encourage the submission of further contributions of young scientists.

In order to ensure high quality, they should have passed a severe election process. Examples include awards or selection processes within national scientific organizations or international laboratories.

The articles in the Young Scientists section in EPJ C direct are published free of charge for the authors as well as for the readers.

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