Umbrella Award

Background
The Umbrella Alliance formed by RWTH Aachen University, the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, and Forschungszentrum Jülich is announcing a new Award which aims at honoring outstanding contributions in the fields addressed in the corresponding Umbrella Symposium. The focus of this award is on young researchers of the three partner institutions who are in the first stages of their academic careers (up to six years after receiving their PhD degree). The award will serve as a contribution to their promotion and will give additional visibility to the three institutions.

Selection Procedure
The selection is based on a joint call for nominations in scientific fields associated to the topic of the upcoming Symposium. Nominations will be collected by the Umbrella offices of each institution and reviewed by a committee which is formed by two representatives from each institute: three members of the organizing committee of the Symposium and three members of the Umbrella Committee of the three institutions. One awardee per institution will be selected based on excellence-based criteria.

Description of the Award
The award is coupled with funds for an extended exchange visit of the awardee to AC/J (in the case of an awardee from the Technion) or vice versa. The awardee will be asked to give an award lecture during the exchange visit (or the Umbrella symposium).

The prize money amounts to 5,000 Euros per award, for one awardee per institution. Funding for the award may be based on external sponsorship.

Call for Nominations
A Call for Nominations will be published jointly by all three institutions and a joint deadline will be agreed on. The call will include a short description of the dedication of awards in the fields of the upcoming symposium. The call will ask for a short description of the scientific merits of the nominee, a short CV and a list of publications. Nominations can be made by all professors at each institution and by individuals with expertise in the field. At the Technion nominations must be approved and submitted by the corresponding faculty Dean. Self-nominations will not be accepted.