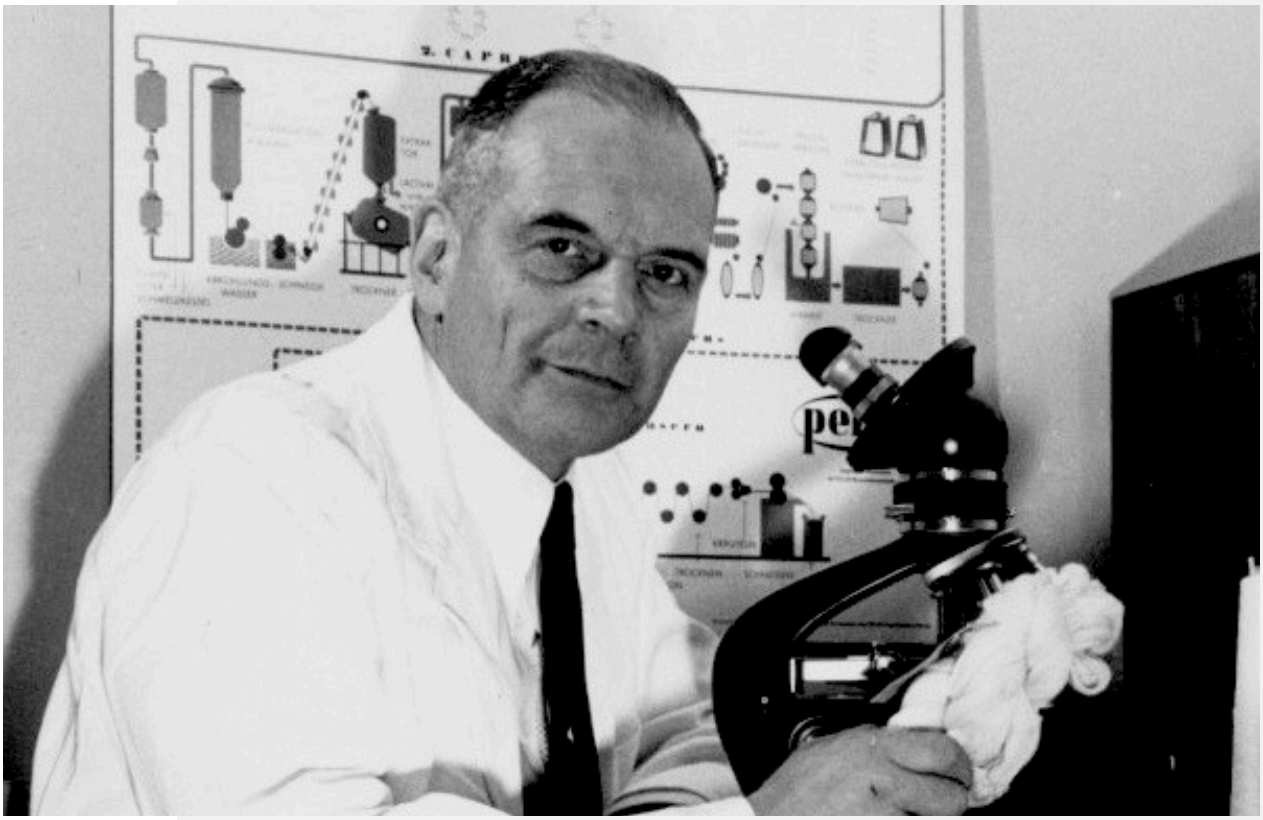
PAUL SCHLACK PRIZE 2026

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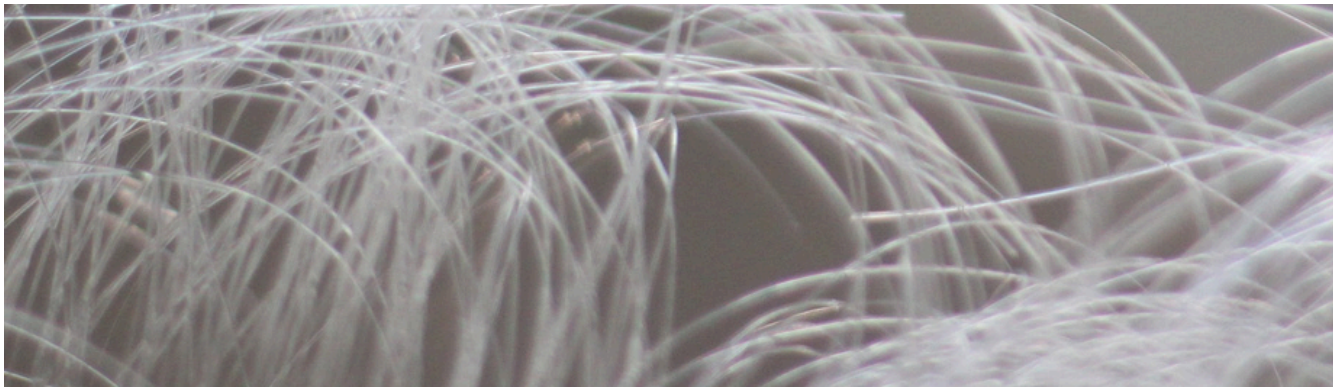


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ABOUT PAUL SCHLACK PRIZE



INTRODUCTION TO PAUL SCHLACK PRIZE

Inspired by Paul Schlack's game changing creation of Polyamide 6, CIRFS would like to support visionary and excellent researchers.

Therefore, CIRFS supports innovations in man-made fiber research at universities and research institutes with the Paul Schlack Main Award. Researchers who have completed a respective diploma thesis or dissertation are eligible to apply. Candidates should be at the beginning of their academic career, i.e. before their dissertation or a maximum of 8 years after completing their dissertation. Ideally, the applicant can provide evidence of one or more publications in peer-reviewed journals as first author on the topic under review.

In 2026, CIRFS will continue the tradition - for 55 years now – at the 65th Dornbirn Global Fiber Congress (GFC) highlighting R&D excellence at the plenary session.

PRIZE CATEGORY

The Main Paul Schlack Prize awarded with **€ 3.000** - for an author of a theme from a university or research institute

AWARDED IN 2025



"Biomimetic Textiles for Oil-Water Separation Based on the Model of Superhydrophobic Biological Surfaces."

DR ING. LEONIE BEEK

ITA – Institut für Textiltechnik of RWTH Aachen University

Don't miss out on this opportunity and apply for the Paul Schlack Prize.

The winner of this prestigious award will be announced on the occasion of the Global Fiber Congress 2026, which will be held on September 16-18 in Dornbirn, Austria.

APPLICATION PROCESS

We would like to invite you to submit your proposals for the Paul Schlack Prize 2026 as soon as possible, taking into account that the deadline for applications is **June 1, 2026**.

An International Jury representing academic and industrial institutions will select the winner. All application documents should be preferably submitted in English, or in another European language, and should include a copy of the published work. An English summary must be provided in all cases. Detailed conditions and arrangements can be found in the statutes (see insert in the appendix).

In order to support the work of the Jury, it would be of assistance if the specific reasons why you consider your contribution worthy of an award, are given, as follows:

- **The theoretical and innovative approach**
- **The practical application of the results**
- **Patent application, mentioning any firms in the field that may have already expressed an interest**

WINNER

The winner of the Paul Schlack prize will be asked to report on the results of his/her research by presenting a 5-minute summary (in English or German) at the opening of the Global Fiber Congress in Dornbirn on September 16, 2026. Needless to say, winning the Paul Schlack prize gains attention across the Technical Press, creating excellent publicity for both the individual and the institute represented.

HOW TO APPLY

You are kindly requested to submit your project via application form (attached below) as well as other documents to:



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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Frédéric Van Houte
D*irector-General, CIRFS*

Attachments:
- Paul Schlack – ein Leben für Perlon (in German language)
- Wilhelm Albrecht – ein Leben für Chemiefasern (in German language)
- Statutes Paul Schlack Prize
- Paul Schlack 2026 Application form

STATUTES PAUL SCHLACK PRIZE

The aim of awarding the Paul Schlack Man-Made Fibres Prize is to promote research and development in manufacturing, processing and application of man-made fibres in Europe.

1. The Paul Schlack Prize is awarded annually at the International Man-Made Fibres Congress in Dornbirn by the Managing Director of CIRFS.
2. The Paul Schlack Prize has a cash value of Euro 3,000 and is subject to publication in a prominent journal. The awarder of the Prize is the Paul Schlack and Wilhelm Albrecht Foundation established exclusively for this purpose.
3. CIRFS invites universities and research institutes for applications. The CIRFS secretariat and the Austrian Man-Made Fibres Institute are responsible for the organisation and the administration of the Prize.
4. Applicants will be young individuals who have successfully researched a theme on man-made fibres at a university or research institute. The work which is in the form of a dissertation or of equivalent value is published. Work shall be finished and have already received a “very good”-mark by the submitting body.
5. The winner is selected by an independent jury. The decision of the jury is binding. The jury does not rank the non-winning applications.
6. Written proposals for both prizes should reach the CIRFS secretariat not later than June 1, 2026 of the respective Congress year. Application documents shall be in English or in another European language. An English summary must be provided in all cases. Documents have to be submitted in an electronic format. The CIRFS secretariat distributes the documents to the jury.
7. The documents will remain at CIRFS.

APPLICATION FORM
Paul Schlack Prize 2026

First Name	
Family Name	
Company/Institute/ University	
Topic of your thesis/dissertation	
Academic Title	
Email	
Mobile phone number	
Abstract	
Attachments	