
PRESS RELEASE

Philanthropy meets Science – the Hector Foundation II awards Professor Christoph Klein with the science award.

The prestigious Hector Science Award has been awarded to three outstanding scientists in Heidelberg on the 31st of January 2014. The Hector Foundation aims to promote innovation and to nurture interdisciplinary cutting-edge research.

Munich/Heidelberg, 03.04.2014. The Hector Foundation honoured Professor Antje Boetuis, geologist and deep sea researcher from Bremen, Professor Karl Leo, physicist and photovoltaics-expert from Dresden as well as Professor Christoph Klein, paediatrician and immunologist from Munich with the Hector Science Award and appointed the three scientists as members of the Hector-Fellows-Circle. Endowed with 150.000 €, the Science Award of the Hector Foundation, belongs to one of Germany's most prestigious prizes for scientists. Christoph Klein is honoured for his outstanding research on rare diseases of the blood and immune system. The Hector Foundation explicitly mentions the Care-for-Rare Foundation for children with rare diseases, in particular its support for young scientists from less privileged countries.

During the award ceremony in Heidelberg, Josephine and Hans-Werner Hector have been awarded the Order of Merit of the country of Baden-Wuerttemberg for their outstanding social engagement by Theresia Bauer, minister for science, research and arts of Baden-Wuerttemberg. The Hector couple provides an enlightening example of how philanthropy and science can be connected and thus also exemplify the Care-for-Rare initiative "Pro.movere", emphasizing the growing need for sustained social responsibility.

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