

The finalists from each Prize are mentioned below:

2005 Descartes Research Prize Finalists

- HESS** The H.E.S.S. experiment: revolutionizing the understanding of the extreme universe
- PITCID** Phospholinositide 3-kinase as target for treatment of chronic inflammatory disease
- TANNIN** Natural tannin based adhesives for wood composite products of low or no formaldehyde emission
- HIDEMAR** Self-assembled nanoparticles and nanopatterned arrays for high-density magnetorecording
- PATHFINDER** Portraying the effects of nuclear receptors in health and disease

2005 Descartes Science Communication Prize Finalists

- Mr Raphaël Girardot** A documentary film chronicling the history of the BSE disease.
- Prof. Frances Balkwill** Prof. Frances Balkwill is dedicated to helping children understand some of today's most complex scientific issues through her children's books.
- Prof. Colin T. Pillinger** Through regular media briefings and appearances on popular TV shows, Prof. Pillinger has succeeded in raising public awareness of space research (in particular with the Hubble story).
- Mrs Catherine Peix** In 'Les origines du Sida', film-makers Catherine Peix and Peter Chappell trace the controversial history of the origins of HIV/AIDS through interviews and first-hand accounts.
- Mr George Szpiro** Szpiro's series of stories, which were compiled into a book 'Mathematik für Sonntagmorgen – 50 Geschichten aus Mathematik und Wissenschaft' (Maths for Sunday morning – 50 stories on mathematics and science), cover a variety of maths topics in a clear, understandable manner.