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*From the Physical Secretary and Vice-President Professor Martin Taylor FRS*

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Dear Mr Teahon

### The Royal Society and Académie des Sciences Microsoft Award 2009 – Call for nominations

The Royal Society and the Académie des Sciences are pleased to invite nominations for the Royal Society and Académie des Sciences Microsoft Award 2009.

This award, sponsored by Microsoft Research, will recognise scientists who have made a major contribution to the advancement of the physical or biological sciences, including mathematics and engineering, through the use of computational methods. The prize will be open to any research scientist working in Europe.

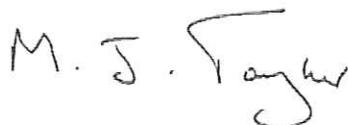
The prize will comprise a trophy and an award for €250,000, of which €7,500 will constitute prize money and the rest will be earmarked for further research.

Nominations can be made by senior academics and members of National Academies of science. The nominations consist of a statement from the nominator outlining the candidate's scientific record, suitability for the award and impact in their subject area, and a proposal by the nominee for the programme of research activities on which to spend the award.

I would be most grateful if you could pass this information on to colleagues and scientists who you think would be interested in nominating or being nominated for this award.

For full details of the award and the on-line nomination forms, visit [www.royalsociety.org/microsoft](http://www.royalsociety.org/microsoft). Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the award secretary, Harriet Frankland, on +44 (0)20 7451 2225 or [harriet.frankland@royalsociety.org](mailto:harriet.frankland@royalsociety.org). The closing date for nominations is **Monday 23 February 2009**.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Secretary Stephen Cox cvo

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