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National and International Laureates Honoured at

the **2024 Heineken Prizes Awards Ceremony**

— 60th anniversary celebrated with a focus on Biochemistry and Biophysics





Photo: Bram Belloni

Amsterdam, September 28, 2024 — Six top scientists were honoured during the 60th-anniversary ceremony of the Heineken Prizes for their outstanding achievements in the field of science. Proteomics pioneers Ruedi Aebersold and Matthias Mann received the Dr H.P. Heineken Prize for Biochemistry and Biophysics 2024. Young scientific talents Kevin ten Haaf, Lorena De Vita, Casper van der Kooi, and Manon van Scheppingen were awarded the Heineken Young Scientists Awards. The ceremony took place at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam.

The festive event, led by science journalist Rob van Hattum, centred on the award that started it all 60 years ago: the Dr H.P. Heineken Prize for Biochemistry and Biophysics. In 1964, Alfred Heineken established the prize in honour of his father, Henry Pierre Heineken, a trained biochemist, on the occasion of his 77th birthday.

Charlene de Carvalho-Heineken, Chair of the Alfred Heineken Fondsen Foundation, and Charles de Carvalho, Board Member of the Foundation, presented the awards alongside Jury Chairs Albert Heck and Hester den Ruijter. A print of the artwork PEEPINA PETTWAY (2023) by Remy Jungerman, laureate of the 2022 Dr A.H. Heineken Prize for Art, was displayed on the walls of the foyer at the Rijksmuseum.

More information about the laureates' research

<u>Click here</u> for a joint interview with Ruedi Aebersold and Matthias Mann, laureates of the Dr H.P. Heineken Prize for Biochemistry and Biophysics 2024, in collaboration with New Scientist. <u>Listen here</u> to the special podcast episodes featuring the 2024 Heineken Young Scientists laureates, in collaboration with the University of the Netherlands.

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About the Heineken Prizes

The Heineken Prizes are the most prestigious international science prizes in the Netherlands. The first Heineken Prize was awarded in 1964 in recognition of exceptional scientific achievements. Today, the Heineken Prizes continue to recognise, encourage and celebrate significant contributions to science.

In 2024, the Heineken Prizes celebrate their 60th anniversary. This special jubilee edition highlights the award that started it all: the Dr H.P. Heineken Prize for Biochemistry and Biophysics. As in previous years, the Heineken Young Scientists Awards will also be presented to four promising young researchers who serve as an inspiration to other young scientists with their outstanding work. Independent juries were assembled to oversee the nomination and selection process. For more information, visit HeinekenPrizes.org.