

## Descartes prize

The European Commission created the Descartes Prize for Research in 2000. This was complemented by a new Descartes Prize for Science Communication in 2004. In 2006 the four laureates from the HydroSol team was awarded the prestigious prize for “Excellence in scientific collaborative research”.

This prize is awarded to a team of researchers who have achieved outstanding scientific or technological results through collaborative research in any field of science, social sciences, humanities and economics.



Persons from left to right:

- Claudie Haigneré (first European female cosmonaut and previously French minister for Research & Technology)
- Per Stobbe from Stobbe Tech A/S
- Annette Schavan (German minister for Education & Research)
- Athanasios G. Konstandopoulos from CERTH/CPERI in Greece
- Christian Sattler from DLR in Germany
- Andrew Steele from Johnson Matthey, UK
- EU Commissioner for Science & Research Janez Potočnik

