

Motivation for award Slavomir Tuleja, as expressed by Gunnar Tibell, president of the jury:

“For his innovative initiatives in physics, his interest in research which has rendered him a doctor’s degree in physics, his international outlook, and his initiatives to popularize the subject, for students as well as for the general public.”

Summary of Dr Tuleja’s outcomes

Dr. Slavomír Tuleja, born in 1974, is an excellent representative of most active and influential high school teachers in Slovakia. After 9 years as a regular service physics teacher, he has been holding, for the last 5 years, a position of a chair of the Physics Committee that involves all physics teachers at school. Slavomír also works as a member of the Slovak Board of Physics Olympiad.

In 2002, he was awarded the first prize in the national competition *The best teacher’s website* by *Infovek*, a Slovak society responsible for implementation of IT into secondary and basic schools.

His brilliant competence to seek and educate students with high academic ability was rewarded by series of first prizes in a national competition called SOČ, the student pre-college science work. Two students’ science projects deserve special attention. The national second prize project Quantum cryptography represented Slovakia successfully at the 2008 world’s largest international competition Intel ISEF. The national first prize project Feynman’s Wobbling Plate having been presented as a scientific article became known as a highly appreciated and recommended paper of the American Journal of Physics March Issue 2007.

He achieved remarkable results in science popularization among students and general public. In 2004 he involved all students of his school into the event of the Venus transit. Furthermore, his website *Virtual Science* belongs to the most attended science webpages in Slovakia.



The award ceremony in Leicester/UK on 19 August 2009.
From left to right:
B. Lambourne (chair of PED), L. Viennot, S. Tuleja