Art. 1. The “Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique – FNRS” (F.R.S.-FNRS) will grant, in 2024, the triennial and international “GAGNA A. & Ch. VAN HECK PRIZE FOR INCURABLE DISEASES”, amounting to 75,000 €, to a scientist or a medical doctor, in recognition of a research work which has contributed to the treatment of a disease currently incurable, or which has raised hopes for curing the disease.

Art. 2. Nominees to the Prize should not have received an equivalent or superior Prize intended to promote the submitted work in the course of the last 10 years at the deadline of the Prize (i.e. from January 15, 2014 to January 15, 2024).

Art. 3. The Prize is intended to reward a work submitted by one researcher or a team represented by a maximum of two researchers.

Art. 4. A Nominee must be proposed by a Sponsor duly qualified to appreciate his/her work. This Sponsor must provide a signed justification of his/her support in a document providing details on the Nominee’s merits. This document (between five and ten pages) must be written in English and should provide evidences that the work of the Nominee matches the requirement presented in Article 1.

In addition, the following documents are requested:
- the curriculum vitae of the Nominee, including a list of received Prizes, with their amounts,
- the complete list of publications of the Nominee.

Art. 5. Nominations must be submitted electronically to prix@frs-fnrs.be no later than January 15th, 2024.

Art. 6. Any problems or disputes arising from the eligibility of submitted nominations or from granting the Award will be settled by the F.R.S.-FNRS whose decisions in these matters will be final.

Art. 7. The Prize will be awarded to the laureate by the “Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS”, upon proposal of an international Jury appointed by the F.R.S.-FNRS.

Art. 8. The F.R.S.-FNRS can decide not to grant the Prize in case the criteria of scientific excellence is not met.

Art. 9. Nominations, reports and proposals linked to the award of the “GAGNA A. & Ch. VAN HECK PRIZE FOR INCURABLE DISEASES” will be treated confidentially.