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ESRS Prize

On the occasion of *fifty years of synchrotron radiation*, the European Synchrotron Radiation Society (ESRS) is pleased to announce a prize to be awarded for an outstanding contribution to synchrotron radiation science.

The prize of 1500 ecu will be presented at the International Conference

on *Highlights in Synchrotron Radiation Research* organized by the ESRF and co-sponsored by the ESRS in Grenoble, 17-20 November 1997. It will be given to a person aged 35 years or younger (at the closing date) for work that has been undertaken in Europe after December 1994. Applicants should send a summary of not more than 2000 words outlining the nature of the research, its significance and their contribution to it, together with any relevant reprints and the names of two referees, to:

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SPring-8 stores beam

On 18 March 1997, the first set of electrons went round the SPring-8 storage ring at the first attempt. A stored beam was achieved within days and currently the lifetime of 0.1 mA is already over 10 h.