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he prestigious [Alfredo di Braccio](#) Prize for physics of the [Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei](#) goes to our colleague Pasquale Serpico. This award recognises the work of a young Italian scientist. The creation of the Academy (Academy of the Lynx) dates back to 1603. Several illustrious scientists are associated with this institution, starting with Galileo. The Lynx academy counts among its members, Einstein, Fermi, Heisenberg, Planck and Pasteur.

The prize award ceremony will be held on June 21 at the Palazzo Corsini in Rome in the presence of the President of the Italian Republic, Giorgio Napolitano. Pasquale who has been recognised for his work in astrophysics shares the 2013 prize with F.M.D. Pellegrino (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa) for his work on graphene.