Zubin Mehta bags Dan David Award

Paris, Dec 21: Indian conductor Zubin Mehta, three American scientists and a hi: both from France - have won awards each worth USD one million, France's Culture

The Dan David Awards, in their sixth year, go to nominees whose achievements technological, cultural or social impact on the world in three categories: past, pre Culture Minster Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres announced the winners.

Mehta and French composer Pascal Dusapin will share USD one million for th "present" category. In a statement, the jury praised Mehta, who conducted the New York philharmonic for 13 ye direction."

The "past" prize went to French historian Jacques le Goff, author of more than 30 books on the middle ages.

The "future" prize was awarded to three American scientists: Dr James Hansen of New York's Goddard Institute of Spa Olson and Sarah Kurtz of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado. Hansen won for what the ju work on climate change, while Olson and Kurtz were honoured for their research on solar power technology.

The awards are named after Israeli Dan David, a native of Romania who made his fortune inventing, patenting, de photographic technologies, including automatic photo booths.

The prizes, which were announced in Paris, are funded by a USD 100 million endowment administered by Tel Aviv Univ USD 900,000 as they please, but must give USD 100,000 away in grants to young researchers. The prizes will be hand at Paris' Garnier Palace, in May.

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