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### The Turriano-ICOHTEC Book Prize

The 2023 Turriano-ICOHTEC Book Prize was awarded to Henk-Jan Dekker from Eindhoven University of Technology for his book titled *Cycling Pathways: The Politics and Governance of Dutch Cycling Infrastructure, 1920–2020*, Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2022.

An ex-aequo prize was awarded to Diana Montaña, for her *Electrifying Mexico: Technology and the Transformation of a Modern City*, Austin: University of Texas Press, 2021.

This year, the jury decided to grant the honorable mention to Helen Ahner for her *Planetarien. Wunder der Technik—Techniken des Wunderns*, Göttingen: Wallstein Verlag, 2023.

### Maurice Daumas Prize

The Maurice Daumas Prize for 2023 was awarded jointly to Rebecka L. Jackson and Jan Hua-Henning.

Rebecka L. Jackson won the 2023 prize for her paper “The Uncertain Method of Drops’: How a Non-Uniform Unit Survived the Century of Standardization,” published in *Perspectives on Science* 29, no. 6 (2021): 802–41.

Jan Hua-Henning was granted the 2023 Maurice Daumas Prize for his article “Opening the Red Box: The Fire Alarm Telegraph and Politics of Risk Response in Imperial Germany, 1873–1900,” published in *Technology and Culture* 62, no. 3 (July 2021): 685–708.

