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Cancer-Fighting Nano-Diamonds Win Ig Nobel Prize

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Russians were among a group of scientists awarded with 2012 Ig Nobel Prizes, a spoof of the prestigious award.

Igor Petrov, an electrical engineer from the Chelyabinsk region, and his colleagues at the SKN Company won the Peace Prize for converting old military explosives into nano-diamonds that can be used as light beacons for cancer treatment, Vesti.ru reported.

Petrov was among the winners of 10 awards from around the world to attend the ceremony of the whimsical award held at Harvard's campus on Thursday.

The others included Rouslan Krechetnikov, a mechanical engineering professor at the University of California, and his student Hans Mayer, who got the Fluid Dynamics Prize for their research on the dynamics of liquid-sloshing, to learn what happens when a person walks while carrying a cup of coffee.

Krechetnikov earned a doctorate in applied mathematics from the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, RIA-Novosti reported.

Anita Eerland and Rolf Zwaan of the Netherlands and Tulio Guadalupe, who represented Peru, the Netherlands and Russia, were awarded with the Psychology Prize for their study titled, "Leaning to the Left Makes the Eiffel Tower Seem Smaller."

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