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ECA Award Definition and Rules

Definition:

The European Carbon Association (ECA) Award, created 2009, is meant to recognise a significant contribution to carbon science or carbon technology brought by a scientist or engineer. The award will be made on the recommendation of the ECA Board and seeks to honour remarkable service to carbon science community, the recipient having been either (i) influential and supportive towards others in the pursuit of scientific excellence or (ii) have made a significant contribution in providing a strong foundation to the community of carbon scientists and technologists

The award is open to any European citizen in the broad sense, wherever they work in the world, and to any non-European citizen, provided that their careers was mainly conducted in Europe.

Eligibility:

It is clear from the above that any European scientist is eligible with no discrimination of gender or age. Non-European scientists from anywhere in the world may also be eligible, provided they fulfil the award definition above.

The Award should go to an individual. Nominations of scientists of the same citizenship as the country where the CARBON conference is organised or from the same carbon group as the one in charge of organising the ongoing CARBON conference are permitted.

Periodicity:

The ECA Award will be presented at each World Conference on Carbon organized by one of the national carbon groups of the ECA.

Nature of the Award:

The ECA award includes a certificate signed by the ongoing Chair(wo)man of the ECA and a prize money of 1200 Euros.

Nomination:

Nominations may be made by any scientist around the world, independently from the national carbon groups from the ECA. It should be sent to the Chair of ECA in charge at the time of the World Conference on Carbon to be held in Europe at the occasion of which the Award will be given. Only one nomination may be made by one nominating person.

The nomination should be made without the knowledge of the potential recipient and includes a supporting letter (not more than one page) summarising the merits of the nominee with respect to the definition above.



Deadline

The nominations should be sent to the Chair of the ECA (María Jesús Lázaro, mlazaro@icb.csic.es) before the 4th of April of 2022.

Selection procedure:

First, the eligibility of the nominee(s) is checked by the ECA Chair, and any questionable case is openly debated within the ECA board until an agreement is reached. Then the selection procedure may start.

The regular representatives (i.e., the group chairs) of the carbon groups that are the members of the ECA – one representative per group – are the voters. The votes are sent to the ECA Chair by e-mail and should not be disclosed to anyone inside or outside the ECA board (but to the ECA chair) until the end of the voting procedure step is reached.

Abstention is not permitted (but the blank vote is). If a national carbon group Chair is impeached to vote for some reason, the group vice-Chair is entitled to vote instead of him/her. No Current national group Chair or Vice-Chair is eligible to be nominated for the ECA award.

In case there is one nominee only: the question to be answered by the voters is "do you support the nomination of X?" "Yes" or "No". The nominee should get 2/3 positive votes to become the laureate (i.e., for a board of 6 members, 4 should say "yes").

Then the ECA board votes to select the laureate. The members of the ECA board are the voters. The votes are sent by e-mail to the ECA Chair. There might be a maximum of 3 runs. If no selection has been possible after 3 runs, there will be no Award this year.

In case there are more than 1 nominee: each of the voters get three notation cards (with 3, 2, and 1 point respectively) that he/she is allowed to attribute (only once each) to a maximum of three selected nominees including the "blank" option. The other nominees, if any, get 0. A voter may choose to select and rank only 1 or 2 nominees instead of three. A voter may choose not to give the maximum amount of points to the nominee he/she has selected yet he/she may have selected only one.

This voting procedure is intended to (1) prevent the need for a second run of votes; (2) provide a better vision of the compared, actual merits of the nominees. However, in case two nominees both get the same amount of points, a second run is organised to select the laureate among the two ex-aequo. In case the second run still cannot select one of them, the ECA chair has the casting vote.

Selection disclosure

The laureate is informed by the ECA Chair. The ECA Chair should make sure that the laureate will come to the CARBON conference in person to receive his/her Award. The ECA Chair may inform the CARBON conference organizing committee of the laureate identity afterwards, for disclosing the name of the laureate in the conference documents and program as needed.

In case the laureate cannot – or do not intend to - come to the conference to receive his/her award, the ECA board will discuss the case and take a decision. The decision may be to give the Award to the nominee ranked n^o2 (if any) from the results of the votes.

