IAPSO Early Career Scientist Medal

This award honours Early Career Scientists for their outstanding research in the physical or chemical sciences of the oceans, and for their cooperation in international research. The IAPSO Early Career Scientist Medal is presented by the IAPSO President, every two years, at the biannual IAPSO Assembly, where the Awardee will be expected to give a talk on a scientific topic of their choice. Financial assistance to attend the Assembly will be available.

The 2019 Medal will be awarded during the IUGG General Assembly which will be held in Montreal, Canada, 8 – 18, July 2019

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Procedure and requirements for Nomination

Nominations for the IAPSO Early Career Scientist Medal must be submitted to the IAPSO Secretary General, Dr Stefania Sparnocchia, at iapso.sg@gmail.com and in copy to stefania.sparnocchia@ts.ismar.cnr.it, by the stated deadline. Late submissions will not be considered.

Nominators should themselves be well qualified in the physical or chemical sciences of the oceans and be thus capable of judging the merits of the work in these areas.

Self nomination is not possible; nominations solicited by a nominee are considered as self nomination.

Eligibility of nominee

The Nominee should meet the following criteria:

- They should hold a PhD (or equivalent) degree which must have been awarded no more than 10 years prior to the deadline for the submission of the nominations. In some circumstances, career breaks may be taken into consideration.
- Be an active scientist with a track record at the cutting-edge of physical or chemical ocean sciences.
- Demonstrate, where possible, international cooperation in the physical or chemical sciences of the oceans.

Nomination package

The nomination package should include

- a nomination letter (not exceed 2 single-spaced pages of A4 format)
- a one sentence citation (citation should be 200 characters or less including space)
- 3 supporting letters (each letter should not exceed 2 single-spaced pages of A4 format) and be from scientists who co-operated with the nominee or are acquainted with the nominee’s works through publications and their citations. At least 2 letters should be from outside the nominee’s own organization
- the nominee’s CV (not exceed 3 single-spaced pages of A4 format) with an emphasis on their scientific work in oceanography and, if possible, their contribution to international scientific cooperation.
- a list (not exceed 2 single-spaced pages of A4 format) of the most important published scientific works.
Call for nominations

The deadline for nominations will be six months prior to the opening of the IAPSO assembly. The nomination must be signed by the nominator, giving details of their full name and title, affiliation, present (or if retired last) position held. Electronic signatures are acceptable.

Timeline for 2019 award

- 1 October, 2018  Call for nominations
- 30 December, 2018  Deadline for nominations
- 1-31 January, 2019  The Award Committee reviews nominations and selects a suitable recipient
- 1 February, 2019  Announcement of Award(s)
- 10-14, July, 2019  ECS Talk in Montreal, Canada at IUGG General Assembly

IAPSO Early Career Scientist Award Committee

The IAPSO Early Career Scientist Award Committee is appointed by the IAPSO President. It consists of 4 members plus the chair of the IAPSO Early Career Working Group. Together they will agree that the nominations conform to the criteria of the award, and rank the awards. If needed the Committee can request an independent expert reviewer to give an outside opinion on any nomination. The Award Committee will then make a recommendation to the IAPSO Executive Committee for ratification.

Additional notes

- Nomination and supporting letters should be concise, clear, and preferably on letterhead. They must clearly state how the nominee's research has made significant impact on their field, written in terms that can be understood by their peers and those outside their research.
- The first paragraph of each nomination and supporting letter should include the name of the nominee and a few sentences giving the overall reasons for nominating or supporting the nominee. The body of the nominating letter, which could be a few paragraphs, should give a brief and concise history of the nominee’s work and publications. Both the nomination and supporting letters should state how the work has contributed to the field overall and/or to the growth of the field, as well as what insights have been gained and what impacts the work will have on current and future research.
- The last paragraph of the nomination and supporting letters should summarize the work, state who has benefited, and highlight some of the nominee’s recognitions and notable service to their field.
- It is important that supporting letters augment the letter of nomination. The nominator might wish to provide their nomination letter to the persons asked to write supporting letters.
- The curriculum vitae should list the nominee’s (1) name, (2) address, (3) history of employment, (4) degrees, (5) research experience, (6) honours, (7) memberships, and (8) service to IAPSO and/or international communities through leadership, committee work, advisory boards, etc. It is important to explain the reasons for the honours, which have been received by the candidate.
- A list of major published scientific works should begin by briefly listing the candidate’s total number and types of publications. For example: ‘……is the author of 40 publications, 30 in peer-reviewed scientific journals. The following selection best supports the nomination.’