

EURACHEM HONOURS AND AWARDS

As agreed by the General Assembly at the meeting of 17 05 2018, with revisions approved by the General Assembly at the meeting on 20 05 2021.

Purpose

This policy provides for the recognition of exceptional individual and organisational contributions to Eurachem or to the improvement of measurement quality in Analytical Science.

Policy

Eurachem is committed to the promotion of good measurement practice in analytical science. In furtherance of this aim, Eurachem wishes to recognise individuals or organisations who have made exceptional contributions to good measurement practice in this field, and to publicise such recognition as appropriate. Eurachem has accordingly adopted the following mechanisms and procedures for individual recognition.

Classes of recognition

Honorary Life Membership

The Eurachem General Assembly may designate an individual as an “Honorary life member of Eurachem” for exceptional contributions to the work of Eurachem or to the promotion of good measurement practice in analytical science.

Nominations for Honorary membership may be made by any Full or Associate member of the Eurachem General Assembly. The nominating Member should provide a short ‘citation’, describing the reason for the award, together with a supporting statement for GA member information, at least forty days prior to the GA meeting at which the award is to be made. Where the nomination is for an individual in the jurisdiction of a Eurachem National Member other than the nominating member, the relevant National Eurachem Organisation shall approve the nomination prior to circulation for voting. Appointment requires a majority vote of the General Assembly and will normally be considered at the General Assembly following receipt of the nomination. The individual concerned may be invited to attend for the vote at their own expense.

An Honorary Life Member may attend future Eurachem General Assemblies in a non-voting capacity, at their own expense.

Procedure: Nominations should be sent to the Secretary in the first instance. The Executive Committee shall confirm that the nomination meets the criteria for the award before circulation for General Assembly approval.

Note: “Honorary Life Membership of Eurachem” is not a class of Eurachem GA membership as provided for in section 1.4 of the Eurachem Memorandum of understanding. It is an individual honour that is accompanied by an open invitation to attend the GA in the manner of an invited expert in recognition of their contribution and expertise.

Individual awards

Single awards

Awards to individuals or organisations in the form of ornamental awards, medals, certificates etc. may be made from time to time. Such awards may include a financial component. Proposals for such awards may be made by national member organisations, or by the Eurachem Executive Committee. All such awards shall be made by majority vote at a General Assembly meeting. The individual concerned may be invited to attend for the vote at their own expense; if awarded to an organisation, the organisation may be invited to send a representative. Awards of this kind do not confer further privileges.

Recurring awards

Eurachem may make recurring (for example annual) awards for particular purposes. Proposals for the introduction of such awards may be made by national member organisations, or by the Eurachem Executive Committee, and are subject to General Assembly approval in the normal way. Any proposal must be accompanied by a clear statement of the scope and rationale for the award and by proposed arrangements for selection of recipients and voting. Such awards may be ornamental (trophies, medals etc.) and may include a financial component.

Note: At the time of adoption of this Policy, no such awards were available. If agreed, a list of available awards and procedures for nomination will be provided on the Eurachem website.

Publication of awards

All awards will normally be announced via the Eurachem Website and available Eurachem news channels. Eurachem additionally reserves the right to publicise all awards through any other media and to any other audience at the sole discretion of the Eurachem Executive Committee.

Withdrawal of honours

In very exceptional circumstances, award recipients might subsequently act in a manner that is not consistent with the aims and purposes of Eurachem. In these circumstances, an award may be rescinded by a majority of GA representatives entitled to vote. The individual concerned shall be given a minimum of thirty days notice of such a vote, such notice to include the reason given to the GA for withdrawal of the award, and shall be entitled to attend in person or by representative and to provide a defence prior to the vote. The GA decision on such a proposal will be final.