

European Chemistry Gold Medal

Every two years, the exceptional achievements of one scientist working in the field of chemistry in Europe will be rewarded. The winner will receive a gold medal and the opportunity to give the opening lecture at the next European Chemistry (EuChemS) Congress (ECC).

Nomination

Nominees should be scientists who have made outstanding contributions to the field of chemistry and have significantly advanced our understanding of a particular discipline. The Award is not meant to be for lifetime achievements. The research can cover any area of chemistry. The nominee should be based in a country with a EuChemS member organisation at the time of the nomination.

Nominations for European Chemistry Gold Medal are open via the online nomination system. The nomination forms usually open in autumn and the closing date for nominations is end of year.

The online form contains at least the following information:

- Nomination letter
- Support letter 1
- Support letter 2
- Nominee's CV (max. three pages)

The support letters should come from two additional scientists (i.e. not the nominator) that are not working at the same institution as the candidate. There is no requirement for the nominator or supporters to be members of EuChemS member organisation.

Self-nominations are not accepted.

Nominators should take diversity in all its forms into consideration when making the nomination as well as parental leave or other relevant career breaks.

Selection

An international selection committee of five members will evaluate the nominees and advise the EuChemS Executive Board, which will decide to whom the European Chemistry Gold Medal will be awarded.

European Chemistry Gold Medal ceremony

The awardee is expected to receive the Award in person and to give the opening lecture at the European Chemistry Congress. During the award ceremony the awardee will be presented with a commemorative gold medal. The awardee's travel, registration and accommodation costs will be equally shared between the ECC and EuChemS Budget.

International Award Committee for European Chemistry Gold Medal (IACM)

1. The International Award Committee (IACM) is composed of five members, including the Chair.
2. A call is published to invite nominations for members of the IACM by EuChemS Member Organisation, Professional Networks or individual members.
3. Nominations for members of the IACM are presented to the EuChemS Executive Board.
4. The EuChemS Executive Board appoints the members of the IACM.
5. The IACM Chair is elected by the IACM members.
6. Composition of the IACM is aiming at diversity and includes at least one non-European representative.
7. Members of the IACM serve a 4-year term.
8. The IACM Chair is the contact person for the EuChemS Executive Board.
9. IACM reviews the nominations, ranks the nominees and reports to the EuChemS Executive Board.
10. EuChemS Executive Board elects the awardee based on the recommendation of the IACM.
11. Normally, the President of EuChemS presents the Award and the Chair of the IACM presents the laudation during the opening ceremony of the ECC.

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