

## **EuChemS Historical Landmarks Award (HLA)**

### **Aim with introduction**

The EuChemS Historical Landmarks program aims at designating sites in Europe where:

- (i) events in chemistry (be it social, theoretical, experimental, pedagogic, industrial...) occurred that
- (ii) have been important to the European or local (regional) chemical community and/or
- (iii) have inspired a sense of European or local (regional) belonging.

Chemistry is an integral part of the Cultural Heritage of Europe. However, while there are many touristic signs marking the very place where important intellectual developments or events happened, only a few chemical sites are identified and publicised. Most of the existing programmes are run by national chemical societies and therefore often overlook the European, and even the international dimension, of the chemical sciences.

For all these reasons, EuChemS decided to set up EuChemS Historical Landmarks Award. It is meant to reinforce the sense of belonging of European chemists and remind them that as far as the history of Chemistry goes, people and ideas alike have circulated, been shared, and shaped through meetings and communication. It would also bring to the general public some sense of how Chemistry is part of the general cultural heritage and history of every European citizen, especially as the plaques are accompanied with communication material providing information on the discoveries and breakthroughs celebrated, and the impact they had.

EuChemS takes into account that some countries already have national landmarks programme, while others have an interest but have no such scheme in place. Given this, two levels of the EuChemS Historical Landmarks Award are foreseen:

- 1) for initiatives with impact at the European level and
- 2) for initiatives with impact at the regional level.

### **Which sites are eligible for a nomination**

In view of the aim of the award, the HLA can be linked to a person, a group of persons, an institution, a chemical plant, ...

Having an impact on the European or regional level is an important criterion. An example: a chemist was working in at least two countries in Europe. The EuChemS Historical Landmarks Award is limited to deceased chemists.

### **Who can submit a nomination**

The nomination must be made on behalf of one of the EuChemS member societies.

You do not have to indicate in your application whether the nomination is for the European or the regional level.

### **How to apply**

A call for application is typically opened annually, and the selection process shall not take longer than a year since the deadline for a certain call.

The applicants shall provide the following documents when submitting a nomination:

- 1) A document with description on the historical role of the site, including its impact on the development of chemistry at either European or the regional level.
- 2) A support statement from the President of the member society making the nomination
- 3) A support letter by at least one additional member society
- 4) A support letter by the local community. In this support letter, the local community shall
  - a. express its willingness to carry the responsibilities for organising the award event at the place where the plaque will be mounted;
  - b. explain how the sites are or will be brought to life or made accessible to visitors and the local community;
  - c. what communication (promotional) material is intended for the general and the learned public (including teachers). The promotional material has to be produced in original language and in English.

### **Selection process**

The nominations are evaluated by the Historical Landmark Award Committee (HLAC), who makes recommendations to the EuChemS Executive Board. The HLAC comprises members from a variety of backgrounds and involves a representative of the EuChemS Working Party on the History of Chemistry and representatives from other EuChemS Professional Networks. A mandate for members of the HLAC is four years, renewable once. There shall not be more than five members of HLAC. As the whole of Chemistry is concerned, the HLAC is allowed to invite guest members to help review the applications and draw back on the multifaceted expertise of EuChemS Professional Networks.

The final decision is with the EuChemS Executive Board.

Maximum two awards per year can be awarded at each level to allow to focus on quality events and documents.

### **Awarding ceremony**

The promotional materials prepared by the community of the awarded sites are available on the EuChemS website, but to integrate this task in the academic life and also make sure the word is widely shared inside the chemical community, producers of the materials are invited to publish in scientific journals. The EuChemS President and the Chair of the Historical Landmarks Selection Committee add a written contribution to the promotional brochure and other articles, when appropriate.

Metal plaques with embossed short description of the site in English and in the national language are provided by EuChemS. The local community is in charge of the organisation of the event during which the plaque is unveiled, in close collaboration with the EuChemS Secretariat. The EuChemS President, Secretary General and the Chair of the Historical Landmarks Selection Committee are representatives of EuChemS at the unveiling event.

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System for nomination - Online form

### Nomination - EuChemS Historical Landmarks Award

Nominated Landmark \*

Name of the proposer who nominates on behalf of the Member Society \*

Prefix

First name

Last name

Email of the proposer \*

Member Society making the nomination \*

  
Gesellschaft Österreichischer Chemiker (GÖCH)  
Société Royale de Chimie (SRC)  
Koninklijke Vlaamse Chemische Vereniging (KVCV)  
Съюза на химиците в България  
Hrvatsko kemijsko društvo (HKD)

Support statement signed by the President/CEO of the Member Society making the nomination. \*

Only pdf, doc, or docx file types are accepted, with a maximum size of 3MB

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Could you please indicate whether the nominated site is linked to: \*

Please select one category below.

Please provide a concise description of the proposed landmark. \*

Please feel free to include references for further information. (max. 1500 characters with spaces)

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Please indicate the historical role and European/regional dimension of the nomination. \*

Please feel free to include references for further information. (max. 1500 characters with spaces)

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Please describe the impact of the nomination on the development of Chemistry. \*

Please feel free to include references for further information. (max. 1500 characters with spaces)

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**Additional Member Society supporting the nomination \***

A nomination must be supported by at least one additional Member Society. If you have more than one supporting Member Society, please use the "Ctrl" key while selecting multiple options from the list.

Österreichische Gesellschaft für Analytische Chemie  
Gesellschaft Österreichischer Chemiker (GÖCH)  
Société Royale de Chimie (SRC)  
Koninklijke Vlaamse Chemische Vereniging (KVCV)  
Съюза на химиците в България  
Hrvatsko kemijsko društvo (HKD)

**Support statement signed by the President/CEO of additional Member Society(ies) supporting the nomination. \***

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**Local community supporting this nomination \***

A nomination must be supported by at least one local community, such as city council, NGOs, etc.

**Please upload the support statement from the local community \***

Only pdf, doc, or docx file types are accepted, with a maximum size of 3MB

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**If you would like to provide any additional information, please use the box below:**

(max. 1500 characters with spaces)

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**By typing your name in the box below, you declare that the information provided in this form is true and accurate \***

By clicking agree, you confirm having read the EuChemS privacy statement available online at: <https://www.euchems.eu/about-us/privacy-statement/>. All your responses are collected anonymously. No changes are possible after you press the submission button, i.e. no re-entry to an incompletely filled questionnaire is allowed. No personal data other than that which is provided will be saved or disclosed. \*

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After submitting the nomination, the nominator will receive an email confirmation.

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