

EuChemS Historical Landmarks Award (HLA)

Aim with introduction

The EuChemS Historical Landmarks program aims at designating sites in Europe where events in chemistry (be it social, theoretical, experimental, pedagogic, industrial...) occurred that

- have been important to the European or local (regional) chemical community and/or
- have inspired a sense of European or local (regional) belonging.

Two levels of the EuChemS Historical Landmarks Award are foreseen:

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

Which sites are eligible for a nomination

The HLA can be linked to a person (deceased), a group of persons (deceased), 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.

Nominated historical landmark must be in a country with a EuChemS Member Organisation at the time of the nomination.

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

Nominations for EuChemS Historical Landmark Award are open *via* the online nomination system. The nomination form usually opens in September with the closing date in December.

The online nomination form requests at least the following information:

- 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.
- a support statement from the President of the Member Society making the nomination
- a support letter by at least one additional Member Society
- a support letter by the local community. In this support letter, the local community shall
 - express its willingness to carry the responsibilities for organising the award event at the place where the plaque will be mounted;
 - explain how the sites are or will be brought to life or made accessible to visitors and the local community;
 - 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 Historical Landmark Award Committee (HLAC) evaluates nominations and advice the EuChemS Executive Board, which takes a decision on the Award.

The President and/or the Secretary General informs the winner.

The Historical Landmark Award Committee (HLAC)

1. The Historical Landmark Award Committee (HLAC) is composed of five members, including the chairperson.
2. A call is published to invite EuChemS Member Organisations, Professional Networks and individuals to nominate candidates for members of HLAC.
3. Nominations for member of the HLAC are presented to the EuChemS Executive Board.
4. The EuChemS Executive Board appoints the members of HLAC.
5. The HLAC Chair is elected by the HLAC members.
6. Composition of HLAC is aiming at diversity in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, location, fields of Chemistry, etc.
7. Members of the HLAC can serve for two terms of four years, following an invitation of the Executive Board.
8. The HLAC Chair is the contact person for the EuChemS Executive Board.
9. The HLAC reviews the nominations, ranks them, and reports to the EuChemS Executive Board.
10. EuChemS Executive Board decides about the awardee based on the recommendation of the HLAC.
11. The President of EuChemS presents the HLA and the Chair of the HLAC prepares written contribution to the booklet and talk at the ceremony.

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

Awarding ceremony

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 and the Chair of the Historical Landmarks Selection Committee add a written contribution to the promotional brochure and other articles, when appropriate.

The EuChemS President, Secretary General and the Chair of the Historical Landmarks Selection Committee are representatives of EuChemS at the unveiling event.

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.

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