

## **EuChemS Industry Innovation Award**

### **Aim with introduction**

The EuChemS Industry Innovation Award honours outstanding achievements by researchers or teams of researchers working for industrial companies in the field of chemistry, or jointly by research teams from academia and/or from other research institutions. The achievements presented will be assessed for their potential to improve our quality of life, their expected contribution to the economy, and their ability to advance society towards a more sustainable future.

The goal of the award program is to give to the achievements of industrial research, in collaboration with research in academia and in other research organisations, enhanced visibility and public awareness, thus helping society to gain a better appreciation of the chemical innovation.

### **Who is eligible for nomination?**

Eligible nominees for the EuChemS Industry Innovation Award are:

- a) individual researchers or research managers
- b) teams of researchers from industry or
- c) teams of researchers from industry and academia (joint public/private sector)

The critical aspect of the award-winning work ('the invention') must have been done in Europe.

The nominees shall be working for a chemical company or its subsidiary in a country with a EuChemS Member Organisation. The innovation proposed for the award shall be carried out within this company and/or in collaboration with a third party from the public sector.

Researchers trained in Europe, but working in European-headquartered companies overseas, are also eligible for nomination.

At least one team member shall be a member of a Member Society of EuChemS.

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

Nominations are accepted from EuChemS Member Societies, EuChemS Divisions and Working Parties, as well as from experts (individuals or groups of individuals) and industry in the nominee's field of research.

Self-nominations are allowed.

There is no requirement for the nominators to be members of an EuChemS Member Society.

The nominators are advised to take diversity in all its forms into consideration.

### **How to apply**

Nominations for the EuChemS Industry Innovation Award are open *via* the online nomination system. The Call for nomination usually opens in September with the closing date in December.

The online nomination form requests, in addition to other necessary information:

- a nomination letter
- CV of nominee(s) (max. two pages for each team member)
- a declaration of no misconduct
- a declaration on conflict of interest.

The nomination letter should give details of the nominee's contribution(s) to the field and describe the achievement(s) to be honoured by the award. In particular, the nomination letter shall include:

- what is the impact (e.g. products in markets, sales, patents) and legacy this research achievement has had on the chemistry community and/or society
- description of contributions of each individual of the nominated team
- for teams of researchers: definition of a point of contact (spokesperson)
- evidence of international recognition as well as other honours and awards the nominee(s) had received.

Letters of support (max 2 pages each) may be added. If included, they shall address the selection criteria and shall not be from representatives of the same institution(s) as the nominee(s).

### **Selection process**

An International Award Committee for the EuChemS Industry Innovation Award (IACIIA) evaluates the nominations and gives recommendations to the EuChemS Executive Board, which decides to whom the EuChemS Industry Innovation Award is awarded.

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

The winner shall sign a declaration on no misconduct.

### International Award Committee for the EuChemS Industry Innovation Award (IACIIA)

1. The International Award Committee (IACIIA) is composed of five members including the Chair.
2. A call is published to invite EuChemS Member Organisations, Professional Networks, individuals and companies to nominate candidates for members of IACIIA.
3. Nominations for members of the IACIIA are presented to the EuChemS Executive Board.
4. The EuChemS Executive Board appoints the members of the IACIIA.
5. The IACIIA Chair is elected by the IACIIA members.
6. Composition of IACIIA is aiming at diversity in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, location, fields of Chemistry, *etc.*
7. Members of the IACIIA can serve for two terms of four years, following an invitation of the Executive Board.
8. The IACIIA Chair is the contact person for the EuChemS Executive Board.
9. The IACIIA reviews the nominations, ranks the nominees, and prepares recommendations to the EuChemS Executive Board.
10. EuChemS Executive Board elects the awardee based on the recommendation of the IACIIA.
11. The President of EuChemS presents the Award, and the Chair of the IACIIA presents the laudation during the EuChemS Chemistry Congress (ECC).

### **Award ceremony**

1. The winning team will be offered to give a plenary invited lecture at the next EuChemS Chemistry Congress (ECC).
2. During the Award ceremony, the awarded team will be presented with a commemorative statuette. All team members receive an award certificate.
3. The awardee's travel, accommodation and registration fee (max 2 representatives of the winning team) will be covered in accordance with EuChemS regulations i.e. equally shared between the ECC organiser and EuChemS.

*approved by the Executive Board (2406/07)*