

## **EMS Awards Committee**

### **Terms of Reference**

EMS needs Europe-wide tasks for supporting meteorological science and meteorologists. EMS should involve much effort in these tasks, and it should spend as much as possible (maybe 20% or even more of its disposable income) for awards and travel subsistence funding. The latter should encourage as many members of EMS Societies as possible to take part in EMS Conferences.

The hub for submissions is the EMS Secretariat. Candidates may be proposed by any EMS Member Society or Associate Member; alternatively, candidates may also submit an application themselves to their own national Society. The Member Society should then decide on the merits of applications it receives and accordingly submit the proposal to the EMS or refer the application.

EMS Council will earmark an appropriate amount of each year's budget for the purpose. Our Associate Members will also be invited to contribute.

An EMS Awards Committee of five will be formed, preferably consisting of high-ranking scientists from EMS Members. They will be appointed by the EMS Council for an initial period of three years, and subsequently annually without limit to the total term. Their task would be to decide on the value of awards, on events and activities which qualify, and to select those to whom awards are to be made.

If necessary, the Awards Committee may appoint members of any sub-Committees it establishes. Such sub-Committees may have powers involving individual awards within an overall policy which remains strictly within the purview of the Awards Committee itself. All expenses and awards arising from the creation of sub-Committees shall come from the annual sum allocated to the Awards Committee by Council.

If financial or other constraints require choices to be made between the awards schemes proposed below, the Committee shall give priority to them in the order in which they are presented.

#### **1. Annual EMS Young Scientist Award**

In order to support excellence in young European scientists, EMS announces an award for a high quality publication in a reviewed international scientific journal, or for an outstanding PhD thesis. The paper shall have been published in Europe during the three calendar years preceeding the year of nomination.

The candidate shall not be older than 32 years on the first of January of the year in which an award is to be presented and have been working or studying, full or part-time, in a country of a Member Society before or when the paper was published.

Applications shall consist of a short curriculum vitae of the candidate, a supporting statement by a nominating Member Society and three copies of the proposed paper or PhD thesis; instead of printed versions, access to electronic versions of the paper or thesis shall be sufficient. Each Member is entitled to nominate one candidate per year.

The Young Scientist Award shall be presented annually, normally during the opening of the Annual Meetings of EMS. Each individual award shall consist of a cheque amounting to Euro 1000 and the reimbursement of travel costs (transportation, accommodation and food, all at an economical level agreed with the Executive Secretary) for the winner's attending the whole of the Annual Meeting at which the presentation is made. The winners shall be invited to make a short presentation to the EMS Annual Meeting on the background to their work.

## **2. Student/Young Scientist Travel Awards**

It is proposed to establish up to ten annual travel awards of Euro 500 each in order to support the participation in EMS-sponsored conferences of outstanding students attending universities in countries of EMS Member Societies, full or part-time, and young scientists working in countries of EMS Member Societies or for Associate Members. In individual cases the Awards Committee may decide to make an award to a student or young scientist participating in an important Conference not sponsored by EMS. Recipients shall be under 32 years of age on the first of January of the calendar year in which the award will be made.

This award may be open for additional funding by Associate Members who may, by agreement with Council, allocate appropriate names to awards they fund through EMS.

Each application shall consist of a short curriculum vitae of the candidate, a supporting statement by a sponsoring body, such as a Member Society or Associate Member, and the proof of having a lecture or poster accepted for presentation at that conference.

Each EMS Member and Associate Member may nominate up to two candidates in each calendar year. Should this, and the number of applications received in a given year, restrict the number of awards below the budgeted sum available for the purpose, the Committee shall have discretion to vary this rule.

The award will normally be made by mailing to the recipient a certificate, a cheque for Euro 500, a letter of congratulations, a statement of the requirement to report on the usefulness of the award, and a disclaimer of any liability whatsoever arising out of acceptance of the award.

Within two months of the end of the conference for which the award is made, a recipient shall submit to the Executive Secretary a report on the usefulness of the award, including comments on the content of the meeting, on the practical arrangements for the conference, on the value of the Award and on the practicalities associated with it. If the Executive Secretary sees fit, and subject to guidance from the Awards Committee, he is authorized to vary the content of such reports and to prepare a standard format to assist recipients to make them.

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