



# The European Carbon Association

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*The association of the national Carbon Groups from Europe -*

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## ECA Award Definition and Rules

### *Definition:*

The European Carbon Association (ECA) Award, created 2009, is meant to recognise a significant contribution to carbon science or carbon technology brought by a scientist or engineer. The Award will be made on the recommendation of the ECA Board **and seeks to honour remarkable service to the European carbon science community**, the recipient having either (i) been influential and supportive towards others in the pursuit of scientific excellence or (ii) made a significant contribution in providing a strong foundation to the community of carbon scientists and technologists or (iii) **significantly** served the carbon science community in any other manner. Therefore, this Award does not, or solely, intend to acknowledge remarkable research results, for which other Awards exist.

The Award is open to any scientist or engineer whose work or activity has significantly benefitted the European carbon community.

### *Eligibility:*

The Award is open to any scientist or engineer, with no discrimination of gender or age, from anywhere in the world, provided they fulfil the Award definition above.

The Award should go to an individual. Nominations of scientists of the same citizenship as the country where the CARBON conference is organised or from the same carbon group as the one in charge of organising the ongoing CARBON conference are permitted. **Current ECA national group Chair or Vice-Chairs cannot be nominated for the Award.**

### *Periodicity:*

The ECA Award will be presented at each World Conference on Carbon organized by one of the national carbon groups of the ECA.

### *Nature of the Award:*

The ECA Award includes a certificate signed by the ongoing Chair of the ECA and a cash prize of 1200 Euros.

### *Nomination:*

Self-applications are not allowed. Candidates have to be nominated. Nominations may be made by any scientist around the world, independently from the national carbon groups from the ECA. It should be sent to the current Chair of ECA (Geoff Fowler, [g.fowler@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:g.fowler@imperial.ac.uk)) in charge at the time of the World Conference on Carbon to be held in Europe at the occasion of which the Award will be given. Only one nomination may be made by one nominating person.



The nomination should be made without the knowledge of the potential recipient and must include a supporting letter (not more than one page) summarising the merits of the nominee with respect to the definition above.

### *Deadline*

The nominations should be sent to the Chair of the ECA in due time for providing the future laureate with the time needed to arrange for his/her participation to the forthcoming World Conference on Carbon. The deadline for receiving the nominations is 28<sup>th</sup> February in the year of the Award.

### *Selection procedure:*

The eligibility of the nominee(s) is checked by the ECA Chair, and any questionable case is openly debated within the ECA committee. Nominees will require 2/3rds of the ECA committee support to progress. Then the election procedure may start.

The regular representatives (i.e., the group Chairs) of the carbon groups that are the members of the ECA – one representative per group – are the voters. The votes are sent to the ECA Chair by e-mail and should not be disclosed to anyone inside or outside the ECA committee (but to the ECA Chair) until the end of the voting procedure step is reached. The count of votes is disclosed to the whole ECA committee after the procedure, whenever a nominee was elected or not.

**Abstention and blank votes are not permitted.** If a national carbon group Chair is impeached to vote for some reason, the group vice-Chair is entitled to vote instead of them. The ECA committee votes to select the laureate. There might be a maximum of 3 runs. If no selection has been possible after 3 runs, there will be no Award this year.

In case there is one nominee only: the question to be answered by the voters is "do you support the nomination of X?" "Yes" or "No". The nominee should get 2/3 positive votes to become the laureate (i.e., for a committee of 6 members, 4 should say "yes").

**If there are 2 nominees: each voter receives 2 notation cards (with 2 and 1 points, respectively), which he/she must assign to the 2 nominees.**

**If there are more than 2 nominees: each voter receives 3 notation cards (with 3, 2, and 1 point, respectively), which he/she must assign to 3 selected nominees. The other nominees, if any, will receive a score of 0. Therefore, each voter must assign 3, 2, and 1 point, respectively.**

### *Selection disclosure*

The laureate is informed by the ECA Chair. The ECA Chair should make sure that the laureate will come to the CARBON conference in person to receive his/her Award. The ECA Chair may inform the CARBON conference organizing committee of the laureate identity after their confirmation of acceptance of the Award, for disclosing the name of the laureate in the conference documents and program as needed.

In case the laureate cannot – or does not intend to - come to the conference to receive his/her Award, the ECA board will discuss the case and take a decision. The decision may be to give the Award to the nominee ranked n°2 (if any) from the results of the votes. The laureate should be informed of this position before the final decision is taken.

