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FRAMEWORK FOR AWARDING

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1. Introduction

ENFSI has established six Awards to honour those who have made significant contributions to ENFSI or to forensic science in general:

- A. Distinguished ENFSI Contributor Award
- B. Distinguished Forensic Scientist Award
- C. Emerging Forensic Scientist Award
- D. ENFSI Working Groups Award
- E. Best Poster Award
- F. Award of Merit

The Distinguished ENFSI Contributor Award, the ENFSI Working Groups Award and the Award of Merit are granted for the work completed for the benefit of ENFSI.

The other Awards are granted for scientific work in the forensic field.

The nature and the procedural aspects of the ENFSI Awards are described in more detail in this document.

A) DISTINGUISHED ENFSI CONTRIBUTOR AWARD

Purpose

To honour a person who has made an outstanding contribution(s) to the development of ENFSI.

Eligibility

All individuals working (or have worked) in an ENFSI member-laboratory.

Criteria

Achievements (e.g. in ENFSI itself, promotion of ENFSI at the European or global level, or starting new ENFSI-activities) must generally be acknowledged.

Awarding body

ENFSI membership

Timescale for consideration

Not specified; it may be a lifetime period.

Presentation

The Award will be presented at the Triennial EAFS Meeting.

[The recipient will be invited to the EAFS Triennial Meeting and registration fees will be reimbursed by the EAFS local organiser]

Prize

The Award consists of a diploma plus an engraved plate or sculpture.

[The design of the diploma and engraved plate or sculpture is an ENFSI Board responsibility]

Decision making process (including timetable)

1. ENFSI permanent representatives can make a written proposal to the ENFSI Board. There is no application form, but the letter must give the reason(s) why the candidate should be awarded. The services rendered within ENFSI should be outlined, particularly in respect of why the work carried out by the candidate constitutes a success or an achievement for ENFSI.

Deadline: 1st April in the calendar year that the EAFS Triennial Meeting takes place.

2. All proposals will be submitted to the ENFSI-members.

Deadline: 10 days before the Annual Meeting.

3. A secret ballot of the membership, preferably by the means of an electronic voting equipment, will take place at the ENFSI Annual Meeting with the decision being reached by majority vote. In case of more than one candidate, the membership can decide that the Award may be shared.

Publication

The name of the Award winner will be published in:

- the ENFSI website
- the Proceedings of the EAFS Triennial Meeting
- the Annual Report of ENFSI

In addition, publication in relevant, non-ENFSI forensic media will be aimed at.

B) DISTINGUISHED FORENSIC SCIENTIST AWARD

Purpose

To honour an individual (or a team) who has/have performed outstanding scientific work in forensic science.

Eligibility

European forensic scientists, not necessarily originating from an ENFSI member-laboratory. A team of forensic scientists could also be accepted as a candidate. In this case, the team leader (no special definition) must be a European.

Criteria

Work undertaken must have been published in a peer reviewed scientific journal.

Awarding body

An ad hoc committee of academics (preferably from the ENFSI community) established by the ENFSI Board gives a recommendation to the Board. The Board will make the final decision, but it goes without saying that the recommendation is weighty.

Timescale for consideration

Not specified; it may be a lifetime period.

Presentation

The Award will be presented at the Triennial EAFS Meeting.

[The recipient will be invited to the EAFS Triennial Meeting and registration fees will be reimbursed by the EAFS local organiser]

Prize

The Award consists of a diploma plus an engraved plate or sculpture.

[The design of the diploma and engraved plate or sculpture is an ENFSI Board responsibility]

Decision making process (including timetable)

1. Anyone can make a nomination and a written proposal should be sent to the ENFSI Secretariat. However, a forensic science laboratory director (ENFSI-members as well as non-ENFSI-members) has to give support to the proposal. There is no application form, but the letter must give the reason(s) why the candidate should be awarded.

Deadline: 1st June in the calendar year that the EAFS Triennial Meeting takes place.

2. The ENFSI Board decides on basis of the recommendation by the ad hoc committee; external advisers may be consulted.

Deadline: 1st August

Publication

The name of the Award winner will be published in:

- the ENFSI website.
- the Proceedings of the EAFS Triennial Meeting,
- the Annual Report of ENFSI.

In addition, publication in relevant, non-ENFSI forensic media will be aimed at.

C) EMERGING FORENSIC SCIENTISTS AWARD

Purpose

To honour a young forensic scientist who has performed an outstanding scientific work.

Eligibility

A European young forensic scientist; the candidate must be under 35 years at the deadline for nomination.

Criteria

The work will have to be related to a particular field of forensic sciences or to impact on such a field. The work undertaken must have been published in a peer reviewed scientific journal. The work has to be related to a particular field of forensic sciences or to impact on such a field. This work already must have been published in a peer reviewed scientific journal.

Awarding body

An ad hoc committee of academics (preferably from the ENFSI community) established by the ENFSI Board gives a recommendation to the Board. The Board will make the final decision, but it goes without saying that the recommendation is weighty.

Timescale for consideration

The three calendar years prior to the year in which the Triennial EAFS Meeting is held.

Presentation

The Award will be presented at the Triennial EAFS Meeting.

[The recipient will be invited to the EAFS Triennial Meeting and registration fees will be reimbursed by the EAFS local organiser]

Prize

The Award consists of a diploma plus an engraved plate or sculpture.

[The design of the diploma and engraved plate or sculpture is an ENFSI Board responsibility]

Decision making process (including timetable)

1. Anyone can make a nomination and a written proposal should be sent to the ENFSI Secretariat.. However, a forensic science laboratory director (ENFSI-members as well as non-ENFSI-members) has to give support to the proposal. There is no application form, but the letter must give the reason(s) why the candidate should be awarded.

Deadline: 1st June in the year that the EAFS Triennial Meeting takes place.

2. The ENFSI Board decides on basis of the recommendation by the ad hoc committee; external advisers may be consulted.

Publication

The name of the Award winner will be published on:

- the ENFSI website.
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- the Annual Report of ENFSI.

In addition, publication in relevant, non-ENFSI forensic media will be aimed at.

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D) ENFSI WORKING GROUPS AWARD

Purpose

To honour a Working Group which has performed excellently.

Eligibility

Each ENFSI Working Group.

Criteria

The Working Group must have contributed significantly to the progress of the expertise field covered by the particular Working Group.

Awarding body

ENFSI Board

Timescale for consideration

The period between two consecutive Joint Meetings.

Presentation

The Award will be presented during the Joint Meeting.

Prize

The Award consists of a diploma plus an engraved plate or sculpture.

[The design of the diploma and engraved plate or sculpture is the Board's responsibility]

Decision making process (including timetable)

1. The ENFSI Board decides on basis of the Working Group Annual Reports and Plans as well as additional important activities.

Deadline: Board Meeting which is organised in conjunction with the Joint Meeting

Publication

The name of the Award winner will be published in:

- the ENFSI website.
- the Annual Report of ENFSI.

In addition, publication in relevant, non-ENFSI forensic media will be aimed at.

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E) **BEST POSTER AWARD**

Purpose

To encourage scientists to display outstanding posters during the Triennial EAFS Meeting.

Eligibility

All presenters of posters during the conference. A team of forensic scientists could also be accepted as a candidate.

Criteria

Poster must have been exhibited during the poster sessions at the Triennial EAFS Meeting.

Awarding body

The Scientific Committee of the particular Triennial EAFS Meeting.

Timescale for consideration

The poster sessions at the Triennial EAFS Meeting.

Presentation

The Award will be presented at the Triennial EAFS Meeting.

Prize

The Award consists of a diploma plus an engraved plate or sculpture.

[The design of the diploma and engraved plate or sculpture is an ENFSI Board responsibility]

Decision making process (including timetable)

The Scientific Committee of the particular Triennial EAFS Meeting will organise the process during the conference. External advisors may be consulted.

Publication

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- the Proceedings of the EAFS Triennial Meeting,
- the Annual Report of ENFSI.

In addition, publication in relevant, non-ENFSI forensic media will be aimed at.

F AWARD OF MERIT

Purpose

To honour a person who has made distinguished contributions.

Eligibility

All individuals working in or outside the forensic community.

Criteria

Achievements must generally be acknowledged.

Awarding body

ENFSI Board.

Timescale for consideration

Not specified. It may be a lifetime period.

There is no limitation in the number of recipients.

Presentation

Not specified. The Award could be presented at any appropriate ENFSI Meeting.

[The recipient will be invited to the selected Meeting]

Prize

The Award consists of a diploma and a special Golden Pin.

Decision making process (including timetable)

1. Anyone can make a nomination and a written proposal should be sent to the ENFSI Board.
There is no application form, but the letter must give the reason(s) why the candidate should be awarded.

Deadline: any time.

2. The ENFSI Board decides on basis of the proposal.

Deadline: not applicable

Publication

The name of the Award winner will be published in:

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