



FRAMEWORK FOR AWARDING

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1. Introduction

ENFSI has established five 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 Science Award
- C. Emerging Forensic Scientist Award
- D. Best Poster Award
- E. Award of Merit

The Distinguished ENFSI Contributor 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 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 etc.) must generally be acknowledged.

Awarding body

ENFSI membership.

Duration of award

Not specified; it may be a lifetime period.

Presentation

The award will be presented at the Triennial EAFS Meeting closing ceremony or at the ENFSI General Assembly. *[The recipient will be invited to the EAFS Triennial Meeting or ENFSI General Assembly and travel and accommodation costs and registration fees will be reimbursed from ENFSI budget].*

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. More than one candidate can be awarded in a calendar year. **Deadline: 1st April in the calendar year.**
2. All proposals will be submitted to the ENFSI-members. **Deadline: 30 days before the Annual Meeting.**
3. A secret ballot of the membership using e-voting will take place before the ENFSI Annual Meeting with the decision being reached by majority vote of those who will vote.

Publication

The name of the award winner will be published on/in:

The ENFSI website and 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. In consideration of the recommendation, the Board will make the final decision.

Duration of award

Not specified; it may be a lifetime period.

Presentation

The award will be presented at the Triennial EAFS Meeting closing ceremony. *[The recipient will be invited to the EAFS Triennial Meeting and travel and accommodation costs and registration fees will be reimbursed from ENFSI budget].*

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 on/in:

- The ENFSI website and the Annual Report of ENFSI.
- The proceedings of the EAFS Triennial Meeting.

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

C.) Emerging Forensic Scientist 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 is related to a particular field of forensic sciences or is appropriate to have an 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. In consideration of the recommendation, the Board will make the final decision.

Duration of award

The three calendar years following the year when the awarding took place.

Presentation

The award will be presented at the Triennial EAFS Meeting closing ceremony. *[The recipient will be invited to the EAFS Triennial Meeting and travel and accommodation costs and registration fees will be reimbursed from ENFSI budget].*

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 on/in:

- The ENFSI website and the Annual Report of ENFSI.
- The proceedings of the EAFS Triennial Meeting.

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

D.) 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

The poster must be exhibited during the poster sessions at the Triennial EAFS Meeting.

Awarding body

The Scientific Committee of the particular Triennial EAFS Meeting.

Duration of award

The poster sessions at the Triennial EAFS Meeting.

Presentation

The award will be presented at the Triennial EAFS Meeting closing ceremony.

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

The name of the award winner will be published on/in:

- The ENFSI website and the Annual Report of ENFSI.
- The proceedings of the EAFS Triennial Meeting.

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

E.) AWARD OF MERIT

Purpose

To honour a person who has made distinguished contributions.

Eligibility

All individuals working in or outside the forensic community (intended for the individuals who don't work in ENFSI Member Institutions and Associated members of ENFSI Working Groups).

Criteria

Achievements must generally be acknowledged.

Awarding body

ENFSI Board.

Duration of award

Not specified. It may be a lifetime period. There is no limitation on 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; cost of travel, accommodation and registration fees will be reimbursed from ENFSI budget].*

Prize

The award consists of a diploma plus 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. More than one candidate can be awarded in a calendar year.
2. The ENFSI Board decides on basis of the proposal.

Publication

The name of the award winner will be published on/in:

The ENFSI website and the Annual Report of ENFSI. In addition, publication in relevant, non-ENFSI forensic media will be aimed at.

2. Amendments against previous versions

- General layout changed according to new version of Framework for Format and Approval BRD-FWK-004, Issue No. 6.
- Paragraph »Introduction«, deleted: »ENFSI Working Groups Award«
- A-E, changed: »timescale for consideration« into »Duration of award«
- A, Presentation, added: »or at the ENFSI General Assembly«
- A-C, Presentation, added: »travel and accommodation costs and registration fees will be reimbursed from ENFSI budget«
- A, decision making process, added: »More than one candidate can be awarded in a calendar year«
- A, decision making process, deleted: »that the EAFS Triennial Meeting takes place«
- A, decision making process, changed: »Deadline: 30 days before the Annual meeting«
- A, decision making process, added and changed: »using e-voting will take place before the ENFSI Annual Meeting with the decision being reached by vote of those who will vote«
- A, Publication, deleted: »the proceedings of the EAFS Triennial Meeting«
- B, Awarding body, added: »in consideration of the recommendation«
- C, Criteria, deleted: »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«
- C, Criteria, added: »is appropriate to have an impact«
- C, Duration of Award, changed: »the three calendar years following the year when the awarding took place«
- C, Decision making process, added: »Deadline 1st August«
- D former E, Criteria, changed: »the poster must be exhibited«
- E former F, Eligibility, added: »intended for the individuals who do not work in ENFSI Member Institutions and Associated members of ENFSI Working Groups«
- E former F, Presentation, added: »costs of travel, accommodation and registration fees will be reimbursed from ENFSI budget«
- E former F, Decision making process, deleted: »Deadline: any time« and »Deadline: not applicable«