

The IASC medal



Background

At the IASC Council meeting on 23 March 2006 it was suggested that IASC should have a mechanism to honour 'outstanding efforts in Arctic research and or Arctic scientific coordination'. The Council decided that a medal would provide the most appropriate means for this and that the Executive Committee (ExCom) should move the idea forward.

IASC Medals are awarded '**in recognition of exceptional and sustained contributions to the understanding of the Arctic**'. A maximum of one award is made each year, assuming that there is a nominee of appropriate quality.

A **Medal Awards Committee** will convene annually (in person or virtually) to consider nominations. The committee will have a chair and up four members appointed by the Council of IASC from its membership and will serve for two years. A quorum is the chair and two members. The recommendation of the committee, which will be in the form of a ranked list containing up to three candidates, will go forward to the Executive Committee of the IASC Council for discussion and decision. Members of the Medal Awards Committee are not eligible candidates.

Nominations may be sent to the Executive Secretary of IASC at any time and are treated in confidence. Nomination forms (obtainable from the IASC website) should contain a citation demonstrating the excellence and sustained contributions of the nominee together with a full curriculum vitae and the signatures of three persons who are familiar with Arctic science. Support letters should be limited to four (3 + 1 from the nominator) and the CVs should be concise and not exceed 3 pages in length.

Updated carryover nominations must also follow the rules above.

Nominations will be considered at the next meeting of the Medal Awards Committee and will remain under consideration for a total of three annual meetings.

The award of medals will normally be by the President of IASC (or her/his nominee) during the Arctic Science Summit Week (or exceptionally at another major international meeting) following the ratification of the award. The President will read the citation for the award.

The recipient will be asked to give an **IASC Medal Lecture** as part of the presentation ceremony, the subject of which will be related to the citation.