

# Richardson Medal

## Definition:

*'The Richardson Medal is awarded in recognition of outstanding service.'*

## Criteria

The Richardson Medal shall be awarded to a single person or a collaborative group/team that has provided outstanding service to the International Glaciological Society and/or to the field of Glaciology, defined as snow and/or ice studies. Service, for this award, is to be interpreted broadly, and may include, but is not limited to, efforts to promote, grow or transform the Society, its activities and/or its scientific publications, enriching knowledge of snow and ice studies, efforts of education and outreach to the public, contributions that enhance public understanding and awareness of glaciology, informing policy around glaciological issues, educational service and mentoring in glaciology including fostering the education, growth and involvement of early-career scientists, or academic and leadership activities promoting the discipline of glaciology at large. The service contribution(s) should have made a significant impact. Nominations are encouraged for individuals at all career-levels who meet these criteria. All IGS award nominees are expected to exhibit high moral and ethical standards within the glaciological and wider communities.

## Frequency

Nominations for the Richardson Medal will be called for annually and awarded on the basis of the merit of the nominee. It is expected that not more than one (in exceptional cases two) awards will be given per year.

## Eligibility

- The nominee(s) should ideally be a member of IGS or have a majority members of IGS.
- No one individual may receive the award more than once, though nominated groups may contain previous award winners.
- The nominator may be anyone with sufficient knowledge of the nominee(s) to write a strong nomination letter.

## Nominations

Nomination packages should include three elements:

- a) a nomination letter,
- b) an abridged CV of the individual or group, and
- c) three other letters of support (up to 2 pages).

Nominations should be made in confidence and without the knowledge of the nominee(s). The abridged CV should be created by the nominator and list the principal achievements of the nominee(s) over their career.

The nomination letter should focus on the nominee's achievements with respect to service to the International Glaciological Society, and address in detail how the nominee's contribution(s) meet the criteria above.

Letters of support can be multi-signatory if more than three people wish to support the nomination. The signature page is not counted in the 2-page limit for letters of support and can be as long as needed. Letters from scientists at different career stages are encouraged, e.g. from younger scientists stating how the nominee's research has inspired and/or encouraged their career development.

Nominations should be sent to the Chair of the Awards Committee, and copied to the IGS Secretary General.

## **History**

In 1993, the Council of the Society decided to mark the retirement of the Secretary General, Mrs. Hilda Richardson, through the creation of an award to recognize service to the Society and the science.

## **Previous awardees:**

H. Richardson (1993)  
D.R. MacAyeal (1997)  
G.K.C. Clarke (1998)  
J.A. Heap (2000)  
C.S.L. Ommanney (2003)  
T.H. Jacka (2010)  
W.S.B. (Stan) Paterson (2012)

J.W. Glen (2013)  
A. Weidick (2013)  
E.M. Morris (2016)  
T. Chinn (2016)  
J.M. Palais (2017)  
J. Oerlemans (2019)