

Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership is granted for life.

Definition:

'Honorary Membership of the Society is awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of Glaciology at a national or regional level.'

Criteria

The award of Honorary Membership to the Society recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of Glaciology, defined as snow and/or ice studies, at a national or regional level. The nominee should have made unique contributions to the field of glaciology with demonstrable impacts on a specific country or region. These contributions may include, but are not limited to, initiating or maintaining national glaciological monitoring and research programs, inspiring and promoting young scientists, or enhancing the status and visibility of glaciology in a country or region. The Honorary Membership award is specifically designed to increase the diversity of the IGS membership and encourages nominees from underrepresented scientific fields or Nations that contribute to IGS's goals and missions. Nominations are encouraged for individuals at all career-levels who meet these criteria. Honorary Membership is awarded for life. All IGS award nominees are expected to exhibit high moral and ethical standards within the glaciological and wider community.

Frequency

Nominations for Honorary Membership 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 must be a member of IGS and no one individual may receive the award more than once.
- The nominator may be anyone with sufficient knowledge of the nominee to write a strong nomination letter.
- The awards committee may consider the geographic diversity of previous awards when considering nominations.

Nominations

Nomination packages should include three elements:

- a) a nomination letter (up to 3 pages),
- b) an abridged CV and
- c) three other letters of support (up to 2 pages).

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

The nomination letter should focus on the nominee's achievements to their nation or region with respect to contributions to the field of Glaciology and how the nominee's membership will diversify and contribute to IGS.

Three letters of support (up to 2 pages) should be submitted. 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. by 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, copied to the IGS Secretary General