

2019 Mariano Gago Ecsite Awards Beacon of the Year Award – Submission guidelines

Created in 2015, the Mariano Gago Ecsite Awards encourage creative and impactful work within the informal science education sector.

Open to all Ecsite members, they provide a prestigious incentive and reward, and contribute to the development of excellence in science engagement.

The **Beacon of the Year Award** celebrates inspirational **individuals** who have been contributing to our field and to the Ecsite network. The Award recognises innovative visionaries who are empowering and motivating their peers to reach a common goal: emboldening citizens to engage with science.

Prize

The winner will receive an amount of €2,500, a trophy and a certificate at the ceremony taking place during the Opening event of the 2019 Ecsite Conference (Copenhagen, Denmark) on 6 June 2019. The winner will also receive a free conference registration to attend the award ceremony. The winner's achievements will be showcased on the Ecsite website for 6 months and will be able to use the Mariano Gago Ecsite Awards logo.

Eligibility

- Only Ecsite members* and their staff can nominate a peer colleague.
- Only Ecsite members* staff can be nominated.
- All nominations need to be supported by three endorsements from Ecsite member organisations or their staff.
- The nomination and the three endorsements need to come from at least two countries.
- No self-nominations allowed.

** in order of payment of their 2019 membership fee*

Evaluation criteria

Your candidate is...

- mobilising, guiding and empowering others
- inspirational
- a strategic and innovative visionary
- adaptable and has outstanding problem solving skills
- contributing significantly to the Ecsite network and the science engagement field

Selection process

All eligible applications will be evaluated by an independent jury of professionals, recognised for their expertise across various practice areas relevant to the Awards. The jury is chaired by Sharon Ament, Director of the Museum of London, United Kingdom.

The winner will be notified by email by the end of May 2019 at the latest. The winner will then work closely with the Ecsite team to prepare communications elements for the Awards ceremony. The winners will provide Ecsite with pictures and if available videos of her/his activities, and grant Ecsite permission to use them on all its communication channels.

The decisions of the jury are final and binding. Entry in the competition implies acceptance of the jury's decisions and of these guidelines. The organisers reserve the right to modify these guidelines; any changes will be communicated to participants in due course.

Application process

Ecsite members and their staff can nominate a peer by submitting a pdf document in English containing the different elements listed in the next page.

Send your document to info@ecs site.eu by **23:59 CET on Friday 5 April 2019**, with header "Ecsite Beacon of the Year Award – Nomination".

For files larger than 5 MB, use a transfer platform (e.g. wetransfer) and notify us by email.

Submission contents

Please compile a pdf document with the following elements.

Contact details

Contact person for application

Name and job title of contact person for application (only one contact person even for joint applications):

Direct phone number:

Email address:

Information about your nominee

First and last name:

Email address and/or phone number:

Name of their organisation:

Ecsite member (yes/no):

[Check who Ecsite members are here](#)

Application questionnaire

Please answer in the same order. **2,000 words maximum in total.**

- 1. Presentation of your candidate.** (Overview of her/his professional career track record and major achievements)
- 2. Describe and provide evidence that your candidate is mobilising, guiding and empowering others; inspirational; a strategic and innovative visionary; adaptable and has outstanding problem solving skills; contributing significantly to the Ecsite network and the science engagement field.**
- 3. How has this professional contributed to Ecsite's vision** fostering creativity and critical thinking in European society, emboldening citizens to engage with science? How has your nominee **carried Ecsite's values** of cooperation, diversity, inclusiveness and active citizenship?
- 4. In your view, why is this person an outstanding leader and why do you think this professional should win** the Beacon of the Year Award?
- 5. If you feel you have a conflict of interest,** please briefly describe how you are related to this individual.

Endorsements

Please attach three endorsement letters. The nomination and the three endorsements need to come from at least two countries.