




# **Ecsite Awards: towards a vibrant scientific culture**

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## MARIANO GAGO ECSITE AWARDS



## 2016 EDITION



### THE SPIRIT

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 an incentive and reward whose prestige contributes to the development of excellence in science engagement.

### THE 2015 WINNING PROJECT

The Norsk Teknisk Museum (Oslo) was the winner of the first ever award for TING, a participatory and immersive exhibition experience exploring the complex relationships between technology and democracy.

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### TWO CATEGORIES FOR 2016

The **Strategic Partnership Award** will recognise extraordinary collaborative working between an Ecsite member and an external partner to achieve goals neither of them could have reached by themselves alone.

The **Political Boldness Award** will celebrate a member's science engagement initiative tackling contemporary societal issues.

### THE JURY

Chaired by Museum of London Director Sharon Ament, it brings together prominent and independent professionals from adjoining fields.

### THE PRIZE

The Awards ceremony will be taking place on 9 June 2016, during the Gala Ball of the Ecsite Annual Conference in Graz, Austria.

Winners are invited to attend the exclusive Ecsite Directors Forum for free and get a chance to spread their ideas by orchestrating a workshop for their peers. They also get exposure in the Ecsite magazine and on the Ecsite website.

**Applications by 27 March 2016** on the [Ecsite website](#).

### A TRIBUTE TO MARIANO GAGO

José Mariano Gago (1948 - 2015) was key figure of European science engagement. He was a founder of the Portuguese Ciência Viva network of science centres and an active contributor to Ecsite activities over the years.

### FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

Like the ever-developing field of science itself, the Mariano Gago Ecsite Awards are dynamic, with categories changing each year.

We are seeking support to enable the awards to grow even further. For instance, we would like to provide organisational development prizes to winners, and to boost communications tools to widen the awards' reach.

### SUPPORT

Warm thanks to the Laboratory of Instrumentation and Experimental Physics (LIP), founded by José Mariano Gago, which made a donation towards the awards.

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MILLION VISITORS A YEAR TO  
MEMBER SCIENCE CENTRES AND  
MUSEUMS

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**60,000+**

YEARLY UNIQUE VISITORS ON OUR  
WEBSITE

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**350+**

MEMBERS

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**7,000+**

PROFESSIONALS RECEIVING OUR  
MAGAZINE

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**2,000+**

TWITTER FOLLOWERS

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**1,000+**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPANTS

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**50**

REPRESENTED COUNTRIES

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**We are  
the Ecsite network**



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