

MARIANO GAGO ECSITE AWARDS

2017 EDITION

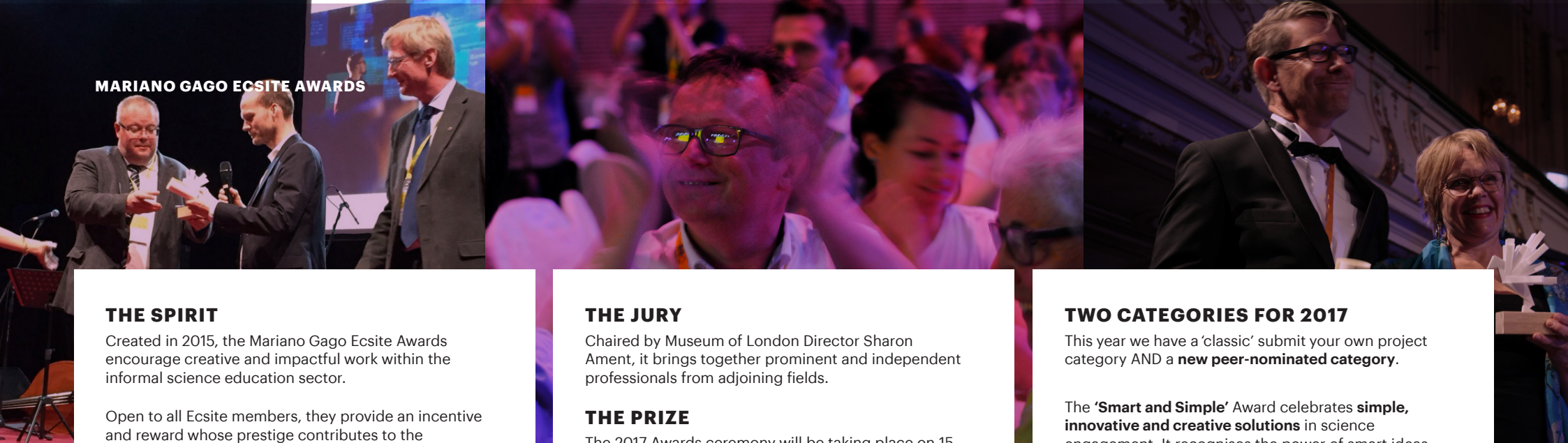


# Ecsite Awards: towards a vibrant scientific culture

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## MARIANO GAGO ECSITE AWARDS

### 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.

### 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.



### THE JURY

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

### THE PRIZE

The 2017 Awards ceremony will be taking place on 15 June 2017, during the Opening ceremony of the Ecsite Annual Conference in Porto, Portugal.

Winners are invited to spread their ideas by orchestrating a workshop for their peers at the exclusive Ecsite Directors Forum (4-6 October 2017, Paris, France). They also get exposure in the Ecsite magazine and on the Ecsite website.

#### Questions?

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### TWO CATEGORIES FOR 2017

This year we have a 'classic' submit your own project category AND a **new peer-nominated category**.

The '**Smart and Simple**' Award celebrates **simple, innovative and creative solutions** in science engagement. It recognises the power of smart ideas that prompt a "I wish I had thought of that one!" reaction from other professionals.


Step 1: peer nominations by 2 April

Step 2: extra information from nominees by 23 April

The '**Sustainable Success**' Award celebrates **long-lasting impact**: projects that embody the values of science engagement, that are visionary and socially relevant.

For this category, organisations put their own applications in, by 23 April

**All details of the application process are** on the [Ecsite website](http://ecsitemuseum.eu).



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### 2015 WINNING PROJECT

In 2015 the first ever Ecsite Award was dedicated to creativity. The **Norsk Teknisk Museum**, Oslo (Norway) was the winner for TING, a participatory and immersive exhibition experience exploring the **complex relationships between technology and democracy**.



*"Winning the prize brought **local, national and international recognition**. We have been invited to several meetings and congresses, as far as Daejeon in South Korea."*

Jan Alfred Andersson  
Head of Science Centre, Norsk Teknisk Museum  
Winner of the 2015 Mariano Gago Ecsite Award



*"Winning the Mariano Gago Ecsite Award has been a highly valuable recognition **for everyone working with and at the Museum**. A sign of innovation and creativity that we have **used in all our communications** throughout the year."*

Peter Skogh, Director, Tekniska Museet  
Winner of the 2016 Mariano Gago Ecsite Award



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### 2016 WINNING PROJECTS

In 2016 the **Strategic Partnership Award** recognised extraordinary collaborative working between an Ecsite member and an external partner to achieve goals neither of them could have reached by themselves alone.

**Tekniska Museet**, Stockholm (Sweden) won for its **partnership undertaken with artist Håkan Lidbo** on the interactive exhibit "Make Music with Your Whole Body", co-created with children and taking into account the needs of physically impaired visitors.

The Jury also nominated a Highly commended project: **International Centre for Life**, Newcastle (UK) - for their **partnership built with the Northumbria University**, a continuing programme of activities that reinforces both partners' mission and vision.



### 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.

The first edition in 2015 was made possible by a grant by the Solvay Fund, managed by the King Baudouin Foundation.





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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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**7,500+**

PROFESSIONALS RECEIVING OUR  
MAGAZINE

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**2,700+**

TWITTER FOLLOWERS

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**1,100+**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPANTS

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**50**

REPRESENTED COUNTRIES

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**We are  
the Ecsite network**





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