

European Award for Plasma Spectrochemistry

1. General

- 1.1 From 2002 at every European Conference on Plasma Spectrochemistry the Agilent Technologies has been offering an award to promote analytical plasma spectrochemical developments and applications in Europe
- 1.2 The prize, donated by Agilent Technologies, consists of EUR 5000 cash and an all-expenses paid trip to Japan to attend a scientific event or seminar, as an invited speaker. The winner is also invited to visit the Agilent ICP-MS manufacturing facility in Tokyo.
- 1.3 The decision is based on the selection made by the Award Committee.

2. Selection

- 2.1 Selection will be made by the Award Committee from candidate nominations and applications submitted electronically at least six months before the next European Winter Conference on Plasma Spectrochemistry to the chairman of the conference who is also the chairman of the Award Committee.
- 2.2 The call for nomination will be advertised on the European Winter Conference on Plasma Spectrochemistry web page, by email to the attendees of the previous Conference and other distribution lists.
- 2.3 The response time for evaluation of the submitted applications and nominations will be three months and the winner will be notified approximately three months before the Conference.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 The corresponding work should usually have been carried out after completion of the PhD thesis.
- 3.2 Applications can be made by any scientist who is either a European national or has carried out the corresponding work in a European laboratory. Candidates can also be nominated by international scientists working in the field of plasma spectrochemistry.
- 3.3 Persons directly affiliated to companies involved with the development of analytical instruments will not be considered.
- 3.4 There is no age restriction on eligibility.

4. Nomination/application guidelines

The prize can be awarded either for a single topic, which contributes in an outstanding way by a new development to the field of plasma spectrochemistry, or for continuous contributions to this field at highest international levels during the last five years. Applications or nominations must clearly describe whether the candidate applies for a single topic or for continuous contributions to plasma spectrochemistry.

- 4.1 In the first case, the special topic must be a new development which has no direct similarities or analogies to existing techniques or applications in plasma spectrochemistry. Only one but not more than three publications must be submitted on this topic as well as a one-page statement, which describes the significance and improvement for plasma spectrochemistry.
- 4.2 In case of continuous contributions a publication list of the last five years and up to five representative publications must be submitted. A one-page statement must explain why the candidate contributed during this time period in an outstanding way to plasma spectrochemistry.
- 4.3 If the candidate is not the only author of the submitted paper(s), a short comment must be added in which way the candidate contributed to the corresponding publication(s).
- 4.4 A short CV (maximum one page) and corresponding contact details must also be attached.
- 4.5 Any support letters from third parties must be included into the original application, otherwise will not be considered.

5. Award Committee

- 5.1 The Award Committee is constituted of the following members: the chairman of the current European Winter Conference on Plasma Spectrochemistry (*ex officio*, Chairman), the chairman of the previous Conference, the awardees of the two previous Award editions and the representative of the Agilent Technologies. The total of five votes is distributed (one vote each) among the above categories of the members.
- 5.2 The Committee members must disclose any potential conflict of interest (*e.g.* either nominating or submitting for the award or a former mentor or mentee). Members in conflict will be excused from participation in the assessment of the award.
- 5.3 The initial evaluation is carried out individually by the Committee members without bilateral contacts to prevent mutual influence. The Committee members submit their choice to the Chairman. The Awardee is chosen through a majority vote.
- 5.4 If there is no majority, the Committee members are asked to vote for the candidates shortlisted in the initial evaluation. If, again, there is no majority, the Chairman – after the discussion with the Committee members - takes the final decision.
- 5.5 The Award can not be split and one awardee only should be selected.
- 5.6. The Chairman informs the applicants/nominees about the final decision of the Committee.
- 5.7 Agilent Technologies may sponsor the committee lunch meeting during the Conference.

6. Presentation

- 6.1 The winner must attend the European Winter Conference on Plasma Spectrochemistry and is invited to present a plenary keynote lecture at the time designated by the Program Committee of the Conference.
- 6.2 The awardee and his work will be introduced by the person who nominated him/her or by the Chairman of the Award committee; the Award will be presented before the awardee plenary keynote lecture.

Appendix

The application/nomination documents should include the following items:

- a one-page presentation letter summarizing the contributions and achievements of the applicant/nominee in support of his/her application/nomination for the Award,
- a one-page curriculum vitae of the applicant/nominee,
- copies of the publications relevant to the application/nomination with comments mentioned in 4.3, if necessary,
- support letters from third parties, if any.