

DESCRIPTION OF CIGRE AWARDS

CIGRE grants awards in recognition of the services rendered by members. The conditions for nomination and attribution are described in this document:

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CIGRE Medal

1. Purpose:

Introduced in 2008, this award is for proven outstanding technical or engineering contribution to CIGRE and the engineering field, and proven leadership for the benefit of the organization.

2. Frequency:

Two (2) awards every two (2) years.

3. Eligibility:

- Member of CIGRE for a minimum of fifteen (15) years. (The combination of collective and individual membership qualifies).
- Proven participation in CIGRE technical activities in a leadership role (e.g. WGs convenor with proven contribution, or member of WGs with clear and proven technical contributions).
- Proven contribution to the engineering field in general, with evidence to support it such as publications, or patents.
- Leadership role in CIGRE activities.
- Proven track record in the promotion of CIGRE and its activities as well as service to the organization.
- An outgoing officer is not eligible for the award in the year of their departure. (E.g. Secretary General, President, Technical Council Chair, Treasurer, or members of the Administrative Council).

4. Nomination procedure:

- The nomination can be done by any member of CIGRE (collective or individual) on behalf of the candidate, or by the National Committee, or by a member of the Administrative Council.
- The nomination form must be completed.
- Five (5) support letters clearly stating the candidates contributions to the field must be included with the nomination form. If the nomination is from the candidate's National Committee or Administrative Council member, support letters from within that National Committee can be submitted on behalf the individual member sending the support letter. If the nomination is from an individual, only one support letter may be sent on behalf of the candidate's National Committee or Administrative Council member. The Awards Committee encourages and weighs heavily in its deliberations added support letters from individuals of other National Committees that demonstrate the nominee's global support.

5. Form of award:

- A medal engraved with the name of the recipient. It is handed to the recipient during a dedicated ceremony at the end of the Opening Ceremony of the Session. The medal is handed by the President of CIGRE. It entails automatically "Honorary Membership".
- The list of recipients will be published *Electra* (issue of August), on the CIGRE website, and the title will be mentioned in the Membership Directory.

6. Award Committee:



The award committee for the CIGRE Medal consists of the President, Technical Council Chair, a member of the Steering Committee, a member of the Administrative Council, who is not a member of the Steering Committee, and the Secretary General. The committee will make a recommendation to the Administrative Council.

7. Calendar:

- Call for nominations : Mid-October of the year before the Paris Session
- Deadline for submissions: End of March of the Session year

Honorary Member

1. Purpose

Introduced in 1992, this award is for proven technical/engineering contribution to CIGRE or a leadership role in CIGRE activities (e.g. Study Committee Chairs or Administrative Council members with proven contribution).

2. Frequency:

Ten (10) awards every two (2) years

3. Eligibility

- Member of CIGRE for a minimum of 10 years (the combination of collective and individual membership qualifies).
- Proven participation in CIGRE technical activities in a leadership role (e.g. Study Committee Chairs with proven successful track record, or members with a clear leadership role for promoting and participating in CIGRE activities)

4. Nomination procedure:

- The nomination is done by a member of the Administrative Council or by the Technical Council Chair.

5. Form of award:

- A certificate presented during the opening ceremony of the Paris Session.
- The list of recipients will be published Electra (issue of August), on the CIGRE website, and the title is mentioned in the Membership Directory.

6. Award Committee:

- The award committee for CIGRE Honorary Member consists of the President, Technical Council Chair, a member of the Steering Committee, a member of the Administrative Council, who is not a member of the Steering Committee, and the Secretary General. The committee will make a recommendation to the Administrative Council.
- The list of recipients will be published Electra (issue of August), on the CIGRE website, and the title will be mentioned in the Membership Directory.

7. Calendar

- Call for nominations : Mid-December of the year before the Paris Session
- Deadline for submissions: End of April of the Session year

CIGRE Fellow

1. Purpose

Introduced in 2014, this award is for active participation in the activities of the technical work of the study committees and for providing a lead technical role in the study committees.

2. Frequency

Five (5) awards every two (2) years.

3. Eligibility

- Member of CIGRE for a minimum of 10 years (the combination of collective and individual membership qualifies).
- Proven participation in CIGRE technical activities in a leadership role (e.g. WGs convenor with proven contribution, or member of WGs with clear and proven technical contributions).

4. Nomination procedure

- The nomination can be done by any member of CIGRE (collective or individual) on behalf of the candidate, or by the National Committee.
- The nomination form must be completed.
- Three support letters clearly stating the candidate's contributions to the field must be included with the nomination form, of which a maximum of only one letter from the candidate's National committee.

5. Form of the award

- A certificate presented during the opening ceremony of the Paris Session.
- The list of recipients will be published *Electra* (issue of August), on the CIGRE website, and the title is mentioned in the Membership Directory.

6. Award Committee

The Award Committee for the CIGRE Fellow award consists of the President, the Technical Council Chair, member of the Steering Committee, member of the Administrative Council that is not a member of the Steering committee and the Secretary General. The committee will make a recommendation to the Administrative Council by correspondence.

7. Calendar

- Call for nominations : Mid-December of the year before the Paris Session
- Deadline for submissions: End of April of the Session year

Technical Council Award

1. Purpose

Introduced in 1993, and modified in 2014 (frequency brought to two years), this Award is granted to a few CIGRE Members as a reward for their active participation in the activities of the technical work of the Study Committees.

The Technical Council Award is granted by the Technical Council Chair.

2. Frequency

One (1) award per Study Committee, every two (2) years.

3. Eligibility

Study Committee member, or Working Group convener in recognition for outstanding participation in the activities of the technical work of the Study Committee.

Individual membership is mandatory.

4. Nomination procedure

- The nomination is made by the Chair of the Study Committee who sends it to the Central Office. A Study Committee Chair may also decide not to put forward any name.
- Together with the name of candidate, the nomination should include:
 - Full contact details and justification for the choice of this candidate.
 - Two letters of support from two other members of the Study Committee.

5. Form of the award

- A certificate is given to the candidate and the names of the recipients are during the Session.
- The list of recipients are published Electra (issue of June), on the CIGRE website, and the award is mentioned in the Membership Directory.

6. Approval

The proposals are approved by the Technical Council Chair.

7. Calendar

- Call for nominations : Mid-December of the year before the Paris Session
- Deadline for submissions: Mid-April of the Session year

Distinguished Member

1. Purpose

Introduced in 1996, the “Distinguished Member” title is granted to a number of long-standing members who have contributed to the Association through participation in the technical work or within the National Committees. Its purpose is to acknowledge the active participation of members over a number of years, to the work and development of CIGRE

2. Frequency

- Every two (2) years;
- The maximum number of candidates proposed should be 1% of the National Committee’s equivalent membership figures.

3. Eligibility

- Any long-standing member of CIGRE (over ten (10) years’ membership) who has contributed significantly to the activities of the Association, and/or toward its promotion in the context of National Committee actions may be selected by his/her National Committee, for the Distinguished Membership award.
- The combination of collective and individual membership qualifies.
- Attribution of the status is based not only on seniority, but also on:
 - The candidate’s contribution as author of papers issued for CIGRE meetings (Paris Sessions, Symposia...) or for Electra, or as organiser of CIGRE events;
 - His/her contribution to National Committee work and toward developing the audience of CIGRE.

4. Nomination procedure

Proposals for nominations are put forward by National Committee Chairs.

Relevant forms (one for each applicant) should be filled in and sent to the Central Office.

5. Form of the award

- A certificate prepared by the Central Office and presented by the National Committee Chair during a national CIGRE event.
- The list of nominees will be issued in ELECTRA (June issue), on the CIGRE website, and the title is mentioned in the Membership Directory.

6. Award Committee

Decisions are made by the Secretary General together with the President of CIGRE. They may seek the advice of CIGRE officers or SC Chairs as they see fit.

7. Calendar

- Call for nominations : Mid-October of the year before the Paris Session
- Deadline for submissions: Mid-February of the Session year

Thesis Award

1. Purpose

This award is intended to recognize a paper written by a student based on their research, or Ph.D., or M.Sc. thesis.

2. Frequency

Open.

3. Eligibility

Any student. CIGRE membership is not necessary

4. Nomination procedure

Submission of abstract to CIGRE CO. as per published guidelines.

5. Form of the award

Paper is published in Electra.

6. Paper review

The paper is reviewed by the appropriated Study Committee Chair

Next Generation Network Significant Contribution Award

1. Purpose

This award is intended to recognize outstanding contributions of NGN members to CIGRE activities.

2. Frequency

Five (5) awards every two (2) years

3. Eligibility

Candidates must be CIGRE members, aged 35 or younger -OR- Meet criteria for his/her local NGN group, if applicable. The combination of collective and individual membership qualifies.

Candidates must be nominated for contributions to a CIGRE Working Group, Study Committee, National Committee NGN group, or for international NGN contributions.

4. Nomination procedure

- Nominations for this award can come from the nominee's National Committee Chair or Study Committee Chair. However, they are encouraged to confer with Working Group Chairs, NGN Chairs and other individuals that work closely with NGN members to solicit nominations.
- Nominators should use the nomination form provided by CIGRE Central Office.
- Nominations must be submitted by April 30 of a Session year.

5. Form of the award

- A certificate presented during the opening ceremony of the Paris Session.
- The list of recipients will be published Electra (issue of August), on the CIGRE website, and the title is mentioned in the Membership Directory.

6. Award Committee:

- The award committee for the NGN Award consists of the President, Technical Council Chair, a member of the Steering Committee, a member of the Administrative Council, who is not a member of the Steering Committee, and the Secretary General. The committee will make a recommendation to the Administrative Council.

8. Calendar

- Call for nominations : Mid-December of the year before the Paris Session
- Deadline for submissions: End of April of the Session year

CIGRE Women in Energy Award

1. Purpose

This award is intended to recognize outstanding contributions of WiE members to CIGRE activities, including driving the increase of women participation at CIGRE.

2. Frequency

Five (5) awards every two (2) years

3. Eligibility

Candidates must be female engineers and an individual CIGRE member or an employee of a collective member.

Candidates must be nominated for contributions to a CIGRE Working Group or Study Committee as well as participation in a National Committee WiE group, or international contributions.

Candidate must also have contributed in increasing women participation either at national committee level, international level, or at study committee level.

4. Nomination procedure

Nominations for this award can come from the nominee's National Committee Chair, Study Committee Chair or a CIGRE WiE NC chair. However, they are encouraged to confer with Working Group Chairs, WiE Chairs and other individuals that work closely with WiE members to solicit nominations.

Nominators should use the nomination form provided by CIGRE Central Office.

Nominations must be submitted by April 1 of a Session year.

5. Form of the award

A certificate presented during the opening ceremony of the Paris Session.

The list of recipients will be published *Electra* (issue of August), on the CIGRE website, and the title is mentioned in the Membership Directory.

6. Award Committee

The award committee for the WiE Award consists of the President, Technical Council Chair, a member of the Steering Committee, a member of the Administrative Council, who is not a member of the Steering Committee, and the Secretary General. The committee will make a recommendation to the Administrative Council.

7. Calendar

Call for nominations: Mid-December of the year before the Paris Session

Deadline for submissions: 1st April of the Session year

SUMMARY OF AWARDS (1/2)

Nomination process

	Name	Qualification conditions	Nominators	Number of nominees	Frequency
1	CIGRE Medal	Administrative or technical achievement (5 supports letters required)	CIGRE members, National Committees or Administrative Council members	2	Every 2 years
2	Honorary Members	Technical contribution or leadership role in CIGRE activities	Administrative Council members or Technical Council Chair	10	Every 2 years
3	CIGRE Fellow	Lead technical role in the Study Committees	CIGRE members or National Committees	5	Every 2 years
4	TC award	Active participation in Study Committees	Study Committee Chairpersons	1 per SC (16)	Every 2 years
5	Distinguished member	Long collaboration to CIGRE works	National Committees	1% equiv. membership	Every 2 years
6	Thesis award	Paper written by a student based on their research of PhD or MSc thesis	Authors	No limit	Open
7	NGN Significant Contribution award	Age and contribution to CIGRE activities (WG, SC or NGN group)	NC Chairs and SC Chairs	5	Every 2 years
8	CIGRE Women in Energy	Woman CIGRE member, and contribution to CIGRE activities (WG, SC, NC, WiE group)	NC Chairs, SC Chairs and WiE NC Chairs	5	Every 2 years

SUMMARY OF AWARDS (2/2)

Calendar and form of award

	Name	Date of consultation	Deadlines for nominations	Publication media	Form of award
1	CIGRE Medal	Mid October of non-Session year	End of March of Session year	Opening ceremony, Electra, website	Medal
2	Honorary Members	Mid December of non-Session year	End of April of Session year	Opening Ceremony, Electra, website	Certificate
3	CIGRE Fellow	Mid December of non-Session year	End of April of Session year	Opening Ceremony, Electra, website	Certificate
4	TC award	Mid December of non-Session year	Mid-April of Session year	Study Committee meeting, Electra, website	Certificate
5	Distinguished member	Mid October non Session year	Mid-February of Session year	National Committee event, Electra, website	Certificate
6	Thesis award	Open	Any time	Electra	Publication
7	NGN Significant Contribution award	Mid December of non-Session year	End of April of Session year	Opening Ceremony, Electra, website	Certificate
8	CIGRE Women in Energy	Mid December of non-Session year	Beginning of April of Session year	Opening Ceremony, Electra, website	Certificate