

Wetlands International Luc Hoffmann Medal for Wetland Science and Conservation

The Wetlands International Luc Hoffmann Medal for Wetland Science and Conservation is awarded every triennium to honour late Dr Luc Hoffmann, a pioneering champion of wetlands science and conservation, and one of the inspirational and far-sighted founders of Wetlands International. More information on the award is on our [website](#).

Eligibility Criteria

1. The award is open to all wetlands science and conservation practitioners, with the exception of Wetlands International staff and members of its Supervisory Council.

It will be presented to an individual who has shown outstanding leadership and accomplishment in the area of wetlands science and conservation.
2. Nominees must agree to be considered for the award. Their availability to attend the awards ceremony in person is desirable. The successful candidate will be provided with an economy ticket and accommodation costs to attend the presentation ceremony.
3. The following award categories apply:
 - a. **Excellence in scientific research:** The nominee has displayed excellence in any field of wetland research, as demonstrated by key research papers and publications, or significant technological advances.
 - b. **Excellence in communication, education and/or public awareness:** The nominee has played a significant role in the advancement and dissemination of wetland knowledge, and/or significantly raised public awareness of wetland science and/or conservation.
 - c. **Excellence in wetland management:** The nominee has played a significant role in the conservation and wise use of wetlands, and/or has shown administrative excellence in dealing with wetland management.

The nominee may be chosen from any one of the three categories (a, b, c).

4. Only fully completed nominations can be considered.

Note: While the terms "excellence" and "significant" are relative and open to interpretation, the spirit of the award should be that the nominee has shown leadership or initiative and influenced others to achieve. That influence should be sustained over a number of years.

Nominations Procedure

5. A nomination can be made by filling and submitting an online submission. The nomination form can be filled in by using enclosed link: [nomination form](#)
6. A nomination can be made by any member or partner of Wetlands International.
7. Nominations must include relevant supporting documents and references addressing the relevant selection criteria and nominations form.
8. Any false information provided by a proposer or nominee will result in disqualification of the nominee.

Selection process

9. The Wetlands International secretariat will collate the nominations received, check them on eligibility and collect additional information where relevant.
10. The Management Board of Wetlands International considers all available information and submits its considerations to the Supervisory Council.
11. The Supervisory Council will assess the nominations and make a decision.
12. All decisions made by the Supervisory Council are final.
13. The members of the Supervisory Council reserve the right not to award the medal, in the absence of a suitable candidate.

Announcement of award

14. The Management Board shall arrange to contact the Awardee and then make a public announcement one month prior to the award presentation.

Presentation of the award

15. The Wetlands International Luc Hoffmann Medal will normally be presented in association with the face-to-face General Members Meeting, every triennium.
16. The recipient of the award will receive a medal and a certificate.
17. The recipient of the award will deliver a short acceptance speech at the award presentation ceremony.

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