



LESI Committees:
End of Year Report for 2021-2022
Submitted: 22 March 2022

Committee Name Awards Committee

**Chairs and Vice
Chairs**

Chair: Patricia Bunye
Vice Chair: Madelein Kleyn

LESI Board Liaison

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Priorities: Objectives and strategy

For the 2021-2022 term, LESI President John Paul has named as one of his 7 *LESI Priority Areas* identifying accomplishments and presenting awards, emphasizing the significant role of the Awards Committee in recognizing the valuable contributions and accomplishments of our members.

As volunteers who devote time and energy to ensure the success of LESI and its national organisations initiatives, members do not expect any material benefit for their efforts but certainly deserve acknowledgment and appreciation.

Accomplishments

As a Management Committee, the Awards Committee's activities consist of those mandated by the LESI By-Laws, i.e., to make recommendations to the Board of Directors as to awards, criteria for awards and nominees for awards to be given by LESI.

In fulfilling this mandate, the Awards Committee:

- reviewed and updated the Guidelines for each of the awards given by LESI. The Award Guidelines and Nomination Form are on the Awards Committee page on the LESI website: <https://lesi.org/committees-community/lesi-committees-overview/management-committees-overview/awards-committee>
- timely announced, disseminated and, with the assistance of the LESI Secretariat, sent periodic reminders regarding the Guidelines and deadline for nominations (**20 November 2021**)
- to encourage more nominations, announced an extension of the deadline to **31 December 2021**
- reviewed the nominations and submitted to the LESI Board our report and recommendations on **05 February 2022**.

The Awards Committee also assisted the Innovation Trends Committee (formerly the "LIT Task Force") on the introduction of the Innovation Trends Award and development of award criteria and processes.

Recent developments

The Awards Committee is awaiting the LESI Board's action on our **05 February 2022** report and recommendations. We will submit placeholder slides for the IMDM and prepare the certificates for the signature of the President.

Plans, Projects, goals, deliverables, target dates

See recent developments above.

Coordination with the Nominations Committee/Board to use the information from the Awards to identify possible new leaders for committees/task forces, future roles in LESI.

Needs for support/Concerns for LESI Board consideration

Immediate request is the confirmation of final awards from the Board to enable us to finalise our slide deck and prepare the certificates.

For future awards: we repeat the requirement of alternative ways of soliciting timely reaction. Despite announcements/email blasts, nominations/submissions are always made at the last minute with incomplete information.

Targeted email to national presidents (last year, we sent individual reminder emails to the national presidents prior to the deadline).
