

GOLD MEDAL COMMITTEE

The Gold Medal Committee is an ad hoc committee.

PURPOSE: To manage the Gold Medal award system.

COMPOSITION: **Chair:** Appointed by the Executive Officers.

Each of the Gold Medal awardees from the Congress immediately preceding their term of office.

Three WAS members, who are do not currently hold an official position within the WAS structure and are not nominees or proposers for the award. These members are proposed by the Chair and approved by the Advisory Committee.

TERM OF OFFICE: Two years, from Congress to Congress.

ROLE OF THE CHAIR

The Chair is responsible for the overall coordination of all activities related to the award, including hosting arrangements for the award ceremony.

The Chair will open the call for nominations within three months of the conclusion of each Congress. Nominations shall remain open for a total of 6 months.

On the official closure of the nomination period, the Chair shall distribute copies of each submission to all members of the Committee, set deadlines and coordinate reviews.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Call for nominations and promote the dissemination of information on the award.
2. Review and comment on all nominations taking into consideration the following:
 - i. Evidence of lifelong achievement in a specific field of sexology
 - ii. Strength of support from the nominators
 - iii. Representation from different countries and continents, where possible
 - iv. Gender balance where possible.
 - v. Representation of different disciplines where possible.
3. Make recommendations to the Advisory Committee of up to a maximum of 5 persons as appropriate recipients of the award.

4. Recommendations shall be concluded no later than 15 month prior to the next Congress.
5. Confirmation of the names of the recipients will be sent to the Chair by the WAS President, after confirmation by the WAS Advisory Committee.
6. The Chair is responsible for preparing the letter inviting the awardees to accept the medal and to attend the award ceremony scheduled for the next Congress. The letter shall be signed by the President of WAS and the Chair of the GMC. All invitations shall be sent no later than 12 months prior to the next Congress.
7. The Chair is responsible for ensuring that the PCO provides the necessary information regarding sponsored travel and accommodation.
8. The Chair is responsible for liaising with the Congress President and the Chair of the International Scientific Committee to ensure allocation of appropriate times for each Gold Medal Lecture.
9. The Chair is responsible for ensuring that the Local Organising Committee makes the necessary arrangements to meet each Gold Medal recipient on arrival and escort them to their hotel.
10. The Chair is responsible for ensuring that the Gold Medal recipients are properly prepared for the Award ceremony.
11. The Chair shall prepare a brief citation for each recipient of the Gold Medal. These statements shall be read by the Chair at the Award Ceremony, as an introduction to each of the recipients.
12. The Chair, in co-operation with the Local Organising Committee, shall ensure that the recipients are escorted to the Welcoming Cocktail Party and are personally introduced to appropriate WAS and Congress identities.
13. Prepare and submit an annual report to the Advisory Committee

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