

ESO Awards

Rules and procedures

Each year ESO presents two awards during the ESO Conference:

1. Presidential Award

Description

An advanced career person:

- Who has made a significant but perhaps unrecognised impact on stroke care internationally over many years (an unsung hero);
- Or someone who has had an important influence on educational or political development for stroke care across Europe or even worldwide.
 - The achievement thus need not to be research-based but may instead involve leadership, mentorship, implementation, or changing of attitudes.

2. Scientific Excellence Award

Description

A mid-career researcher:

- From a European country or who is an active ESO member elsewhere, for whom an award for repeated research excellence could assist advancement to their next career position.

Nomination

From 2019 on, all ESO Members shall be asked to nominate candidates for the two awards.

Awards Selection Committee

- The Awards committee consists of five senior ESO members including one Chair.
- Members of this committee are appointed by the Executive Committee.
- The members of the Committee shall be experienced physicians or researchers who know the field very well.
- One member of the Awards Selection Committee shall be the Chair of the Council of Fellows (rotates every two years).
- Every two years, two or three members of the Awards Selection Committee will be replaced.
- The maximum duration of membership of this Committee will be four years.
- The names of members of the Committee will be listed on the ESO website and will also be reported during the Awards ceremony at ESOC.
- The task of the Awards Selection Committee is to make a shortlist of candidates for each of the awards, based on the nominations received from ESO Members, and to suggest the two winners.

- No members of the Awards Selection committee as well as the entire Executive Committee are eligible to be nominated for the awards. Members of the Board of Directors do not qualify for the main Presidential Award but can be nominated for the “Scientific Excellence Award”.
- In case the nominee is not from a European country, the Committee decides whether the nominee can be regarded as an ‘active ESO member.’
- The following issues need to be considered when selecting the ESO Awards committee members: gender mix and geographical distribution. The number of nominations for the same candidate will not be taken into consideration.
- All nominees will first be discussed in a closed virtual meeting of the Committee. After this meeting, each Committee member will rank the candidates, blinded to the rankings of the other members, and send the scores to the Committee Chair. In case of equal suitability, the Committee members can give more weight to diversity. Committee members cannot vote for nominees working in their institution or for whom they have another obvious conflict of interest, as determined by the Committee. The Committee Chair will calculate the mean scores for each nominee. The Chair will then send an overview of all individual and mean scores to all Committee members, blinded to who gave which scores. In principle, the Committee will propose the nominee with the best mean score in each of the two categories as the Award winner to the Executive Committee, but individual Award Selection Committee members will have the opportunity to object. In that case, the Chair of the Committee will convene a second meeting, in which a decision on the proposal to the Executive Committee will be made, preferably by consensus but otherwise by majority vote.
- The proposals will be discussed by the ESO Executive Committee. Awardees will need their final approval, but in principle, the Executive Committee will follow the suggestions of the Awards Selection Committee.