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The Lawrence D. Eicher
Leadership Award

“The award serves to encourage committees to continue their efforts in a common spirit of mutual recognition and understanding of constructive cooperation and sustainable partnership.”

Secretary of ISO/TC 172, Optics and Photonics

Introduction

ISO, the International Organization for Standardization, is the world's largest developer of voluntary, consensus-based International Standards. **The Lawrence D. Eicher Leadership Award is a prestigious award** that recognizes the significant contribution and superior performance of an ISO technical committee or subcommittee to the development of ISO International Standards.

The award is designed to encourage creative and collaborative work by rewarding the implementation of innovative and efficient processes and solutions that ensure the provision of excellent services. It is also an opportunity to publicize and share best practice among ISO committees.

First awarded in 2003, **this award is named in honour of ISO's late Secretary General, Lawrence D. Eicher**, whose 16-year tenure at ISO (from 1986-2002) saw the organization evolve from an institution with a predominantly technological focus to a market-oriented organization whose standards are increasingly recognized as bringing, in addition to solutions to technical problems, wider social and economic benefits.

Eligibility

All ISO (and joint ISO/IEC) technical committees and subcommittees are eligible for the Lawrence D. Eicher award.

Nominations

Your nomination of a deserving committee is the first step to ensuring that it is rewarded with the recognition it deserves, and provided with an opportunity to further promote its contributions.

Nominations can be submitted by:

- TC/SC Chairs
- TC/SC Secretaries
- Representatives of ISO member bodies
- ISO Technical programme managers

Nominations should be sent to rossi@iso.org by **31 March 2016**.

The nomination form can be downloaded from www.iso.org/iso/iso-awards

Selection Committee

The selection committee is composed of selected members of the ISO Technical Management Board and changes every year.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria for this award include:

- Effective leadership
- Effective coordination of the entire committee structure
- Use of innovative approaches
- Proactive project management and effective meeting support
- Desire to promote the involvement of developing countries

The Award Benefits

The award, a certificate of appreciation, is presented to representatives of the chosen technical committee (for example the Chair and Secretary) every year by the ISO President at the ISO General Assembly.

Success in the competition is a way to add to the profile of the committee's work both inside and outside of the ISO community.

The winning technical committee gains visibility by being featured in ISO's communication activities, that has in the past led to a number of mentions in the wider media.

Here are some examples in relation to the winners from past years:

- Social networking media can quickly spread the word on the winners of the award – a youtube video was produced for ISO/TC 68 in 2013, providing an effective platform for the Chair to explain the committee's work
- The winners of the LD Eicher Award are also of interest to mainstream newspapers for example the Financial which reported the fact that ISO TC 211, *Geographic information/Geomatics*, had received the award in 2010
- Sector specific newsletters and magazines report on winning committees, such as: *HK Machine and Reliable Planet* when ISO/TC 127, *Earth-moving machinery*, received the award in 2008; *Sources* when ISO/TC 172 received the award in 2009; and *Geospatial World* when ISO/TC 211, *Geographic information/Geomatics*, received the award in 2010

Past winners

In 2015, the Lawrence D. Eicher Award was presented to ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 27, *Information technology – IT security techniques*, for its world-leading experts, world-class standards and excellence in promotion and consultation.

Mr. Walter Fumy, chairman of JTC 1/SC 27, highlighted the ever increasing need for information security standards as we migrate much of human activity from the physical world to cyberspace.

- 2014** ISO/TC 45/SC 2, *Rubber – Testing and analysis*
- 2013** ISO/TC 68, *Financial services*
- 2012** ISO/TC 242, *Energy management*
- 2011** ISO/TC 34, *Food products*
- 2010** ISO/TC 211, *Geographic information/Geomatics*
- 2009** ISO/TC 172, *Optics and Photonics*
- 2008** ISO/TC 127, *Earth-moving machinery*
- 2007** ISO/TC 184/SC 4, *Industrial automation systems and integration/Industrial data*
- 2006** ISO/TC 67, *Materials, equipment and offshore structures for petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries*
- 2005** ISO/TC 8, *Ships and marine technology*
- 2004** ISO/TC 176/SC 2, *Quality management and quality assurance/Quality systems*
- 2003** ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 29, *Information technology/Coding of audio, picture, multimedia and hypermedia information*

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