ISO awards 2020

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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 (TC) or subcommittee (SC) 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. Inaugurated in 2003, **this award is named in honour of ISO's late Secretary-General, Lawrence D. Eicher,** whose 16-year tenure at ISO (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.

Nomination 2020

Eligibility

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

Nominations

Your nomination will provide a high-performing committee with the recognition it deserves and an opportunity to further promote its achievements.

Nominations can be submitted by anyone participating in the ISO standards development process including (but not limited to):

- TC/SC Chairs
- TC/SC Committee Managers
- Representatives of ISO member bodies
- ISO Technical Programme Managers

Nominations should be sent to **LDE@iso.org by 31 March 2020**.

The nomination form can be downloaded from **https://isotc.iso.org/livelink/livelink/Open/20193816**.

Selection process

Selection committee

The selection committee reviews the nominations submitted and chooses the winner. It is composed of selected members of the ISO Technical Management Board[1] 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

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1) **www.iso.org/governance-of-technical-work.html**

Award benefits

Award ceremony

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. The chosen representatives (up to two) are funded by ISO to travel to the General Assembly.

Other benefits

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

Inside the ISO community, the best practices of the winning committee are shared through ISO Connect[2], short videos[3] and the TMB Communiqué[4], with the objective of spreading innovative practices and good ideas to other committees.

The winning technical committee also gains visibility by being highlighted in ISO's external communication activities, with a feature in the *ISOfocus* magazine[5] and a promotional video created for the committee, which it can use to promote its activities and attract stakeholders.

And not forgetting the members of the winning committee, whose hard work earned them the award, the prize also includes some funding from ISO for the committee to organize its own celebration.

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2) **https://connect.iso.org/pages/viewpage.action?title=The+Lawrence +D.+Eicher+Award+-+sharing+committee+best+practice&spaceKey =standards** (access restricted to those with Global Directory accounts)

3) **www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=10&v=nBaBFlLr35o& feature=emb_title**

4) **https://isotc.iso.org/livelink/livelink?func=ll&objId=15788626& objAction=browse&viewType=1**

5) **www.iso.org/isofocus_137.html**

The 2019 LDE Award winner is...

...ISO/TC 84, Devices for administration of medicinal products and catheters

The demand for new technologies and solutions for delivering drugs that are safer and more convenient never stops. Add to that the varying injection equipment and methods used around the world to suit individual clinical and patient needs, and it's clear the safety and quality of products are more important than ever.

ISO's technical committee (TC) for standardization in this field – ISO/TC 84 – is always one step ahead, often having standards in development in time for when new technology comes on the market. Its efforts have just been recognized through the Lawrence D. Eicher Award for excellence and superior performance in standards development, which was presented at the 42nd ISO General Assembly held in Cape Town, South Africa.

Below are some examples of their best practices. For more details, see **ISO Connect**[6].

Category	Example of ISO/TC 84 best practices
Stakeholder engagement	• ISO/TC 84 leadership promotes a philosophy in which the main objectives for the committee is to increase patient safety and avoid commercial driven requirements • Introductory meetings are occasionally organized in order to urge newcomers to take active part in meetings
Project management	• TC 84 utilizes some very effective overall project management and communication techniques to plan the complex work of coordinating the many different documents and working groups. One simple tool is a schematic layout of projects and planned meetings (2 years' plan). This plan helps the various working groups to coordinate their budget and travel planning • An efficient project tool used by TC 84 is the systematic use of action items lists within working groups. This tool ensures that all participants are made aware of all actions decided and ensures that actions are performed in a timely manner in between meetings and it enables meetings to be efficient and productive
Communication	• Communication to external parties are mainly performed via presentations at seminars as this has proven to be a very efficient way of informing the sector on how to implement the standards and on project under development. The FDA notes that the industry is well-informed of the standards produced by the committee and the high degree of implementation of the standards and usage for application of regulatory approvals

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Past winners[7]

2018	**ISO/TC 8,** *Ships and marine technology*
2017	**ISO/TC 228,** *Tourism and related services*
2016	**ISO/TC 207/SC 1,** *Environmental management – Environmental management systems*
2015	**ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 27,** *Information technology – IT security techniques*
2014	**ISO/TC 45/SC 2,** *Rubber and rubber products – 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,** *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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7)   For further information on the past winners, see **www.iso.org/iso-awards.html**.

About **ISO**

ISO (International Organization for Standardization) is an independent, non-governmental international organization with a membership of 164* national standards bodies. Through its members, it brings together experts to share knowledge and develop voluntary, consensus-based, market-relevant International Standards that support innovation and provide solutions to global challenges.

ISO has published more than 22 500* International Standards and related documents covering almost every industry, from technology to food safety, to agriculture and healthcare.

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