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## **Health Technology Assessment Division (HTAD) Awards**

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This document proposes three categories of awards for engineering related professionals in the field of Health Technology Assessment of medical devices (HTA-MD):

1. **HTAD Outstanding Contribution Award:** for engineering practitioners engineers who have made outstanding contributions to the field of HTA-MD
2. **HTAD Best Paper Award:** for authors who produced an impactful and outstanding paper in the field of HTA-MD
3. **HTAD Policy Award:** Policymakers or stakeholders giving significant contribution to Biomedical Engineering in the field of HTA-MD

According to the IFMBE policies and procedures, Section 4 - "Awards and Recognitions": the IFMBE encourages the formation of nominating committees in its specialized divisions, to recognize worthy individuals and forward their names to the appropriate committee for consideration.

The nominees will be individuals or groups who have demonstrated outstanding achievements for the benefit of the HTA worldwide community, made significant enhancements to the interests and activities of the IFMBE/HTAD Board, or significantly improved the role of the Biomedical Engineering in the field of HTA-MD. For nominations, a Nomination Explanation for all awards (and a Curriculum Vitae(s) (CV) or Biographies for HTAD Outstanding Contribution Award and HTAD Policy



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Award) are to be submitted as text documents (each max. 1800 characters), paying special attention to the established criteria listed below. For group nominee submissions, all individual CV's of the group nominee should be attached.

## Basic Requirements

The HTAD Awards Committee will be composed of three or five HTAD elected and/or co-opted members, selected by the HTAD/IFMBE chair.

The HTAD Awards Committee will:

- 1 - Share information on the awards and their rules with the HTA community, fostering the involvement of Biomedical Engineering
- 2 - Receive, evaluate and select nominations for the awards
- 3 - Send the selected nominations to the HTAD/IFMBE Board for approval.

The recognition bestowed by the IFMBE/HTAD awards will be distributed through worldwide and regional publications/periodicals/newsletters/conferences (purposely chosen according to the origin of the award-winning candidate), IFMBE and IUPESM publications and newsletters, HTAD websites and social channels.

## **A) HTAD Outstanding Contribution Award**

Description



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This award recognizes an engineering practitioner who has made outstanding regional or international contributions to the field of HTA-MD, with a particular focus on the role of Biomedical Engineering.

## Criteria:

- 1.0 The nominee has demonstrated a significant impact on HTA-MD.
- 2.0 The nominee has significantly contributed to the development of the role of Biomedical Engineering in HTA-MD.
- 3.0 The nominee's activities in national and/or international organizations for HTA have been meritorious.

## Nominations

A 1) Nomination Explanation (and/or letter of support) and 2) CV or biography of two nominators and 3) CV of the nominee are to be sent to the chairman of the HTAD Awards Committee before the deadline one year prior to the year of the IUPESM/IFMBE World Congress.

## Frequency

Once every three years, to coincide with the IUPESM/IFMBE World Congress.

## Prize

Plaque, travel funds to attend the World Congress (flight in economic class and accommodation in standard hotel, up to \$1000 in total).



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Plenary talk (or invited talk in an HTA special session) at the IUPESM/IFMBE World Congress.

## Presentation

The IFMBE/HTAD Award will be presented at the next World Congress. Additional presentations at regional events are recommended but no additional funds will be allocated.

## **B) HTAD Best Paper Award**

### Description

This award recognizes an individual or a group that stood out for writing the best HTA-MD paper, published in IFMBE or IUPESM Conferences Proceedings and Journals (complete list on the HTAD website), providing an innovative research contribution that results in progress in HTA-MD and/or in the role of Biomedical Engineering in HTA-MD. Criteria:

- 1.1 Significance, for the HTA community, of the topic or problem investigated or explained (universality, urgency, impact, etc.).
- 1.2 Usefulness of the paper in daily practice for professionals (applicability, problem-solving value, etc.).
- 1.3 Relevance of the topic or problem for Biomedical Engineering worldwide.

### Nominations



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Papers published in IFMBE or IUPESM Conferences Proceedings or Journals will be selected by the HTAD Awards Committee.

Frequency

One award per year.

Prize

Plaque.

Presentation

The IFMBE/HTAD Best Paper Award will be awarded at the next IUPESM/IFMBE regional or world conference. Additional presentations at regional events are recommended.

## **C) HTAD Policy Award**

Description

This award recognizes an individual or a group of policymakers or stakeholders giving significant contribution to Biomedical Engineering in HTA-MD. Criteria:



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Outstanding contribution to facilitate the promotion,  
recognition, cooperation and respect to Biomedical Engineering  
in HTA-MD.

## Nominations

A 1) Nomination Explanation and 2) CV or biography of two nominators  
and 3) CV of the nominee are to be sent to the chairman of the HTAD  
Awards Committee before the deadline.

## Frequency

One award per year.

## Prize

Plaque.

## Presentation

The IFMBE/HTAD HTA Policy Award will be awarded on the occasion of  
the first forthcoming IFMBE regional conference. Additional  
presentations at other events are recommended.