



The IZA protocol for the Young Researcher Award

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OBJECTIVE

Considering:

- the need to recognize and stimulate young talents within the zeolite and related nanoporous materials community,
 - the visibility provided by an IZA award in a young career,
- IZA establishes the Young Researcher Award with the objective to recognize the young active researcher for outstanding contribution to the Science and Technology of zeolites and related nanoporous materials, since January 1st of the year of the last IZC to the December 31st of the year before the IZC where the award will be given.

SELECTION

The selection will take place every three years, by a Selection Committee specifically indicated by the International Zeolite Association Council to perform that task. The Committee will be composed of a non-voting chairperson and seven prominent zeolite scientists with various expertise selected by the IZA board.

THE AWARD

The award, a plaque, will be given to an individual not a group, during the banquet of the International Zeolite Conference. The sponsorship, in the amount of \$ 10000, is assumed by ExxonMobil and presented at each IZC conference. A representative of ExxonMobil will personally hand over the award and congratulate the winner.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR AWARD CANDIDATES

The candidates should:

1. be the sole corresponding author of article(s), leading author of series of articles, or well identified leading author of another type of published scientific contribution,

2. have obtained the PhD title in the 14 years before the year of the IZC, (Example: for the 2019 IZC, candidates with PhD degrees received in 2005 or after are eligible.)

3. be a member of the International Zeolite Association at the moment of the inscription.

Should IZA offer other awards in the same conference, the candidate can only be involved in one of them.

INSCRIPTION PROCEDURE

1. The applications for the IZA Young Researcher Award will be submitted in between 6 and 4 months before the IZC.

2. To be eligible, the candidate should send the following documents, all digitalized in *pdf* format, to IZA Secretary of the Executive Board.

2.1. The candidate should write one-page letter presenting his/her candidacy, stating that it fulfills all requisites needed for inscription, and that he/she will attend the IZC where the winner will be awarded,

2.2. A Curriculum Vitae containing the main aspects of his/her professional life (5 pages maximum),

2.3. A complete referenced report (2-3 pages) of his/her achievements in the period of the award, outlining their scope and influence on the area of research and detailing the novel findings and their scientific soundness. Up to five established zeolite scientists could endorse the description.

TIME SCHEDULE

1. until the end of the 4th month before the IZC where the award will be given: applications can be submitted,

2. until the end of the first week of the 3rd month before the IZC where the award will be given: selection of the non-voting chairperson and five Young Award Committee members,

3. until the end of the third day of the IZC where the award will be given: the Selection Committee will send the results of the candidates' evaluation to the IZA president. Should the Selection Committee arrive to the indication of more than one candidate, the IZA board will vote to decide the result.

FINAL NOTE

The Council recommends that no sitting IZA Councilors or IZA Young Researcher Award Selection Committee member endorse candidates for the Award.