

# IES Constitution (revised 2022)

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## IES By-Laws

### Awards

1. A Gold Medal shall be awarded, normally tri-annually, for distinguished contributions to EPR (ESR) Spectroscopy **including its applications, development and improvements**.
2. Four Silver Medals shall awarded, normally tri-annually, for significant contributions to EPR (ESR) Spectroscopy **including its applications, development and improvements** in the areas of "Biology/Biomedicine", "Chemistry", "Physics/Materials Science" and "Instrumentation and methods (including theory and software) developments".
3. A Young Investigator Award shall be made, normally bi-annually, for outstanding contributions to EPR (ESR) Spectroscopy by a young scientist in any of the categories listed in clause 2. Nominees should be under the age of 35 years on the 1<sup>st</sup> July of the year of the award. The date of birth of the nominee must be included in the nomination. The nominee will ordinarily be at the post-doctoral level. Only in exceptional circumstances will either doctoral candidates or junior faculty members be considered for this Award.
4. Fellowship of the Society may be conferred on individuals who have made influential and distinguished contributions to the practice of EPR (ESR) Spectroscopy and its welfare over a long period.
5. IES Best paper Award: The IES will acknowledge each year up 2 publications as "best papers" in the field of EPR. The first author is recognized with this award and a monetary award. The expectation is that the first author be a young scientist. Nomination can be made by any active IES member. If self-nomination is made, it can be made only by the first author or the corresponding author.
5. All nominations are to be sent to the President.
6. The President, the Vice-Presidents and the Immediate Past President shall together be responsible for preliminary vetting of nominations, to ensure that inappropriate nominations are not pursued and that overlap between medal categories is dealt with before forwarding nominations to the separate Awards Committees.
7. Nominations shall be invited from all IES Members via the official Bulletin or Newsletter of the SOCIETY. Nominations to Awards/fellowships can be accepted only from active (paying) IES members. Self-nominations will not be accepted (except for the "Best Paper Award").
8. Nominations may also be sought by the Executive from one or more kindred Societies as determined from time to time.
9. All nominations must be accompanied by a CV and 100-150 word citation in support of the nomination and, in the case of the Young Investigator Award, nominees will be asked to provided copies of two recent published papers which in their judgement represents their best work. No nomination can be considered without the CV and citation. In the case of the Best Paper Award, nomination should be accompanied by letter from the PI and/or advisor explaining the role of the nominee. Moreover, the application material for the Best Paper Award should include the following items: Cover letter not exceeding 1 page with your name, role and affiliation, full citation of the paper and explanation as to why this paper represents an exciting advance and breakthrough development in the broad area of EPR and ESR. PDF of the nominated publication. Letter from the PI and/or advisor, not exceeding 1 page, explaining the role of the nominee.
10. No Award Committee Member may vote on the nomination of a collaborator or member of their own research team. Appointment to Awards Committees is governed by Article VII, Sec. 4.
11. The Executive may, at its discretion, liaise with other Award Committees and communicate, in confidence, names of those under consideration for the IES Gold Medal award in any year. It is noted that

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these By-Laws are subject to Article VI Sec. 2 which states “The President shall have the power of veto over any Award”.

## **Awards Committees**

1. Committees for Silver Medal Awards, each consisting of a Chairperson, and three other members, shall be appointed by the Executive.
2. The Gold Medal Award Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, to be appointed by the Executive, and the Chairpersons of the Silver Medal Award Committees as ordinary members.
3. Membership of all Awards Committees shall be for a period of four years. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to advise members of Awards Committees as to their terms of office.
4. Members of all the above Awards Committees may be re-appointed for only one additional four-year term.
5. The Committee responsible for the Best Paper Award, Young Investigator Award and the appointment of Fellows of the Society shall consist of The President, the Vice-Presidents and the Immediate Past President.

## **Treasurer**

Treasurer shall also ensure requirements relating to incorporation and taxation exemptions are complied with. The Treasurer, in consultation/approval by the Executive, shall draft an annual budget with categories and projected commitments for the forthcoming year. Any alterations to the Budget beyond about 10%, in any category requires concurrence of the Executive (majority approval). In cases of approved annual budget categories, the President may make disbursement decisions if unable to poll the Executive in a reasonable timeframe. Any new expenditure categories require concurrence of the Executive (majority approval). The Annual Budget as well as the Annual Self-Audited Financial Statement should be posted on the IES Website <http://www.ieprs.org> within the first 31 days of the following calendar year.