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# **IISL AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES -INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA**

- **1. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** This Award may be given in recognition of a person's lifetime (i.e. generally 25 years) of exceptional and untiring (continuous) service to the space law profession and original contribution to the development of international and/or national space law and policy.
- **2. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:** This Award may be given in recognition of a person's about 15 years of outstanding and original contribution to the development of international and/or national space law and policy. This Award could also be given to a person in recognition of his/her selfless dedication and service to the IISL, inter alia, through service on the IISL Board and its Committees, representation of IISL to other bodies and fora, the organization and support of the annual Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition and other significant and sustained support of the Institute's program and promotional activities.
- **3. AWARD OF APPRECIATION:** This Award may be given very exceptionally to someone who has made an extra-ordinary and significant contribution, for over 20 years, to innovative approaches to the development and dissemination of juridical and social science aspects of space activities.
- **4. CERTIFICATE OF GRATITUDE:** This Certificate may be given very selectively to someone who has rendered extra-ordinary service to the Institute; i.e. in recognition of his/her/their, (a) exceptional work on behalf of the Institute, or (b) outstanding support to the IISL in hosting/organizing IISL Colloquia, symposia, and/or Space Law Moot Court Competitions.
- **5. SPACE LAW AWARD FOR YOUNG ACHIEVERS:** This Award may be given in recognition of at least 5 years of meritorious contributions or outstanding achievement by an individual relevant to the field of space law developments or it could be in recognition of distinctive service to the activities, events or goals of IISL. The nominated individuals should be below 40 years of age (as of the date of the Spring Meeting of IISL Board for the relevant year).

### PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATIONS AND DECISION-MAKING

1. Principles: (a) the nominee must clearly meet the criteria for the category for which he/she is nominated; (b) awards and certificates are limited in number and awarded only to well-deserving individuals; (c) awards and certificates are not limited to IISL members; and (d) in respect of IISL members, the nominee must be a member in good standing.

- 2. Nominations must be submitted electronically at the email id specified, namely, <a href="mailto:awards@iisl.space">awards@iisl.space</a>, by filling and e-mailing only the prescribed form and providing all the required information and documentation.
- 3. Each nomination must be supported with information that clearly demonstrates the nominee fulfils the published criteria.
- 4. Nominations are processed by the IISL Awards Committee of three IISL members (including the Chairperson) in good standing. Apart from drawing attention of members for nominations, the committee could proactively seek nominations that contribute to the objectives of the awards programme. All IISL members are requested to respect the deadlines for submissions of their nominations for Awards and Certificates.
- 5. The Committee as a whole or its members individually may also propose candidates.
- 6. The Committee recommends to the Board of Directors candidate(s) for each award and certificate using the established criteria for each category based on the information submitted with nomination(s).
- 7. The Committee's decisions in the form of recommendations are communicated to the Board for its consideration and final decision at its March/April meeting.
- 8. Award or certificate winner(s) will be individually informed in advance of the Annual IISL Colloquium.

#### **IISL SPACE LAW AWARD FOR YOUNG ACHIEVERS**

#### **Objective**

Beginning in 2019, IISL had introduced a new category of Awards to recognise and encourage young achievers in the field of space Law. The award is intended to address junior members contributing significantly to the activities and goals of IISL and the legal professionals in the initial phase of their careers contributing to space law developments. Such a recognition can also encourage young IISL members, who continue in the path of contributions to space law post their achievements as Young Scholars or Manfred Lachs Moot Court awardees.

This annual Award is given during the annual IISL dinner along with the other IISL awards.

#### Eligibility

As indicated in the categories section above.

#### Criteria for selection

Core meritorious criteria for selection of awardees by IISL Awards Committee for recommending to IISL Board will include, but not limited to, one or more of accomplishments such as publications of outstanding quality relevant to the field of space law; role in drafting national space law; proven excellence in contributions to IISL's activities, events or goals, and, notable professional achievement already made. It is expected that the Awardees possess strong personal potential to achieve further and continue service.

#### Procedure for nominations and decision-making

Procedure as elaborated in preceding section will also be applicable to this category. Nominations are to be submitted in prescribed format, which can be downloaded from IISL website.