

CIGRE UK Awards Policy and Procedure

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CIGRE UK Awards Policy

1. Overview

CIGRE UK makes CIGRE UK Outstanding Contribution Awards in areas of:

- Collective
- Individual
- WiE
- NGN

A Technical Paper Award is also awarded by CIGRE UK to recognise outstanding technical papers presented for the biennial CIGRE Paris session or any CIGRE event held in the United Kingdom where technical papers are prepared/presented.

These awards are specific to CIGRE UK and supplement the existing CIGRE Awards in recognition of the services rendered by members of CIGRE¹:

- CIGRE Medal
- CIGRE Fellow
- Honorary Member
- Technical Council Award
- Distinguished Member
- NGN Award
- Thesis Award

The purpose and eligibility criteria for CIGRE awards are set and described by CIGRE². The CIGRE UK approach to the nomination and support of CIGRE UK members for these awards is provided in Appendix A of this policy.

2. Purpose of CIGRE UK Outstanding Achievement Awards

The CIGRE UK Outstanding Contribution Award will be made to CIGRE UK members in recognition of contributions made to CIGRE UK or/and CIGRE in the development of the objectives and mission of CIGRE UK.

Recognition can be for technical, membership, organisational development and promotion of CIGRE UK/CIGRE and for services provided to CIGRE UK members.

¹ <https://www.cigre.org/GB/about/cigre-awards>

² https://www.cigre.org/userfiles/files/About/CIGRE_Awards/CIGRE%20awards%20definitions-2021-04-30.pdf

The CIGRE UK Outstanding Contribution Award is made by CIGRE UK and is an additional recognition to any existing and potential future awards made by CIGRE itself.

3. CIGRE UK Awards

Details of the individual awards are provided below, a summary of the purpose, suggested frequency and eligibility criteria for each CIGRE UK award is provided in Table 1.

3.1. CIGRE UK Outstanding Contribution Award – Collective Member

This award can be made to any CIGRE UK collective member organisation that demonstrated outstanding support to the development of CIGRE UK, support for its own employees to engage with CIGRE or to provide opportunities for the sharing of technical knowledge and experience across the CIGRE UK community.

The award would be termed CIGRE UK Outstanding Contribution Award – Collective Member to xxxxx³ – with a citation describing in a sentence, what the award is for e.g. for outstanding contribution to the development of CIGRE UK, or for extended support of employees in CIGRE technical activities.

Nominations to the CIGRE UK Awards Committee can be made by any member of the CIGRE UK Steering Committee, excluding their own organisation.

The CIGRE UK Awards Committee will check all nominations for alignment with the eligibility criteria, assess the nomination and make a recommendation to the CIGRE UK Steering Committee.

3.2. CIGRE UK Outstanding Contribution Award – Individual

Made to any member of the CIGRE UK community (all membership categories including those who are part of a Collective Membership) for technical, organisational, or other activities for the benefit of CIGRE UK.

The award would be termed CIGRE UK Outstanding Contribution Award- Individual Member – to xxxxx – with a citation describing in a sentence, what the award is for e.g. for outstanding contribution to the development of CIGRE UK or CIGRE more generally, or for Outstanding Contribution – Technical, for the work in representing CIGRE UK as a Regular Member/Working Group Convenor. It is anticipated that nominations will be made in at least the following areas of outstanding contribution:

- Technical – CIGRE UK Technical Committee
- Technical – Work in Study Committees/Working Groups
- Development of CIGRE UK

Nominations can be made by any member (all categories) of CIGRE UK.

³ This is the organisation rather than any individual

The CIGRE UK Awards Committee will check all nominations for alignment with the eligibility criteria, assess the nomination and make a recommendation to the CIGRE UK Steering Committee.

3.3. CIGRE UK Outstanding Contribution Award – NGN

Made to any member of the CIGRE UK NGN community for technical, organisational, or other activities for the benefit of CIGRE UK NGN and/or CIGRE NGN.

The award would be termed CIGRE UK Outstanding Contribution Award – NGN to xxxxx – with a citation describing in a sentence, what the award is for e.g. for outstanding contribution to the development of CIGRE UK NGN or CIGRE NGN more generally.

Note: Whilst it is expected that the recipient would qualify as an NGN member, this is not mandatory as the recipient may be a former NGN Member or someone who has provided outstanding contribution to CIGRE UK NGN.

Nominations can be made by any member (all categories) of CIGRE UK-NGN.

The CIGRE UK Awards Committee will check all nominations for alignment with the eligibility criteria, assess the nomination, discuss in detail with the CIGRE UK NGN Steering Committee and make a recommendation to the CIGRE UK Steering Committee.

3.4. CIGRE UK Outstanding Contribution Award – Women in Energy

Made to any member of the CIGRE UK community for technical, organisational, or other activities for the benefit of Women in Energy.

The award would be termed CIGRE UK Outstanding Contribution Award-Women in Energy – to xxxxx – with a citation describing in a sentence, what the award is for e.g. for outstanding contribution to the development of Women in Energy

Note: Whilst it is expected that the recipient would qualify as a member of the WiE community, this is not mandatory as the recipient is someone recognised for their contribution to WiE, of whatever gender, recognised by CIGRE UK.

Nominations can be made by any member (all categories) of CIGRE UK.

The CIGRE UK Awards Committee will check all nominations for alignment with the eligibility criteria, assess the nomination, discuss in detail with the CIGRE UK WiE Steering Committee and make a recommendation to the CIGRE UK Steering Committee.

3.5. CIGRE UK Outstanding Contribution Award – Technical Paper

Is awarded to any technical paper that has been prepared for a CIGRE session, CIGRE event held in the UK, such as Symposia or CIGRE UK event.

The award would be termed CIGRE UK Outstanding Contribution Award –Technical Paper xxxxx – with a citation listing all authors of the paper.

Eligible papers are where the designated main author is a member of CIGRE UK. Additional authors do not have to be members of CIGRE but authors who are members of CIGRE would be highlighted in the award citation and receive a personal letter from the Chair of CIGRE UK.

Nomination of papers would be made by the CIGRE UK session paper review committee for review by the CIGRE UK Awards Committee.

4. Awards Process

CIGRE UK Secretariat will issue a call for nominations for CIGRE UK Outstanding Achievement awards each March. Nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee and recommendations made to the CIGRE UK Steering Committee who have the final say in the awards process. Successful recipients will receive personal letters from the Chair of CIGRE UK and awards will be presented each year at the CIGRE UK AGM, or at a specifically designated awards event.

Nominations can be made at other times and awards made at a time determined by the CIGRE UK Steering Committee based on particular circumstances.

Guidelines for the number of outstanding achievement awards to be made are indicated in Table 1. However, these are guidelines only and actual number of awards made will be based on the merit of nominations made.

The CIGRE UK session paper review committee will nominate papers based on their review of session papers in January/February of session years. Final nomination of papers will be made by the session papers committee following the Paris session, taking into account the reception of the paper/poster session in Paris.

Papers from other CIGRE events will be considered by the session papers committee following the qualifying event.

Recipients of any CIGRE UK Outstanding Contribution Award will be able to apply a designation of recognition to their email signatures or organisation websites e.g. “CIGRE UK Outstanding Contribution Award -Women in Energy” in line with CIGRE Branding Guidelines.

5. Awards Committee

The CIGRE UK Awards Committee will comprise (minimum four people):

- Representative of CIGRE UK Steering Committee
- Representative nominated by the CIGRE UK Technical Committee



- Representative nominated by the NGN Steering Committee
- Representative nominated by the WiE Steering Committee

A Chair of the Awards Committee will be nominated by the CIGRE UK Steering Committee but may also represent one of the listed committees.

Other CIGRE UK members can be appointed to the Awards Committee as agreed by the CIGRE UK Steering Committee.

The representatives from NGN, WiE and Technical Committee will act as the primary point of liaison with the Chair of the Technical Committee, WiE Steering Committee and NGN Steering Committee to discuss nominations in their respective categories applicable to their interests.

Table 1 Summary of proposed CIGRE UK Outstanding Achievement Awards

Award	Purpose	Guideline Frequency	Eligibility	Nominations
Collective Member	This award could be made to any CIGRE UK Collective member organisation that demonstrated outstanding support to the development of CIGRE UK.	One or two every two years	All Collective Members of CIGRE UK	Nominations to the Awards Committee can be made by any member of the CIGRE UK Steering Committee, excluding their own organisation.
Individual	Made to any member of the CIGRE UK community for technical, organisational, or other activities for the benefit of CIGRE UK and/or CIGRE.	One or two every year	All members of CIGRE UK (including those members who are part of a Collective Membership)	Nominations can be made by any member (all categories) of CIGRE UK.
NGN	Made to any member of the CIGRE UK NGN community for technical, organisational, or other activities for the benefit of CIGRE UK NGN and/or CIGRE NGN	One or two every year	All members of CIGRE UK NGN	Nominations can be made any member (all categories) of CIGRE UK-NGN.
Women in Energy	Made to any member of the CIGRE UK community for technical, organisational, or other activities for the benefit of Women in Energy.	One or two every year	All members of CIGRE UK (Individual, Collective, NGN or Student)	Nominations can be made by any member (all categories) of CIGRE UK.
Technical Paper	To recognise outstanding technical paper presented for CIGRE Paris session paper or paper prepared/presented for a CIGRE event held in the UK.	One or two every two years	Designated main author is a member (Individual, Young Member, Collective,) of CIGRE UK.	Nomination of papers will be made by the CIGRE UK session paper review committee, or the Technical Committee set up for a CIGRE event held in the UK.

Appendix A – CIGRE UK and CIGRE Awards

CIGRE UK will take a proactive approach to the promotion, nomination and support to CIGRE UK members for CIGRE awards e.g.

- CIGRE Medal
- CIGRE Fellow
- Honorary Member
- Technical Council Award
- Distinguished Member
- NGN Award
- Thesis Award

The process for CIGRE UK for these CIGRE Awards is outlined below:

CIGRE Medal & CIGRE Fellow

- Nominations can be made by any Individual Member of CIGRE or National Committee.
- CIGRE UK will issue a reminder for nominations to CIGRE UK Members in October of non-session year with a further reminder at the non-session year AGM and subsequent reminder in February of the session year.
- CIGRE UK has to issue a letter of support for nominations, so the CIGRE UK Awards Committee will draft letters for approval by the CIGRE UK Steering Committee for submission to Central Office and seek other letters of support as appropriate.
- Awards of CIGRE Medal and CIGRE Fellow are recognised at the Paris session and will also be recognised by CIGRE UK.

Distinguished Member

- This process is led by National Committees
- The CIGRE UK Awards Committee will identify suitable candidates with the CIGRE UK Secretary in October to December of non-session years and make a recommendation to the CIGRE UK Steering Committee in January of session year, noting that CIGRE UK is able to make nominations up to 1% of the equivalent membership of CIGRE UK every two years.
- Nominations will be made to CIGRE Central Office once approved by the CIGRE UK Steering Committee
- Awards of CIGRE Distinguished Member are recognised on the Electra Website and will also be acknowledged by CIGRE UK.

Honorary Member, Technical Council Award, NGN Award, Thesis Award

The processes for nomination of Honorary Members, Technical Council Awards, NGN Awards and Thesis Awards are outside of the control of CIGRE UK or Individual members of CIGRE and is not considered here. However, the achievement of any of these awards by any member of CIGRE UK will be acknowledged by CIGRE UK.