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**Announcement: The International Association for Computational Mechanics announces the call for nominations for five awards to recognize outstanding contributions in computational mechanics.**

The membership of IACM (International Association for Computational Mechanics) and all other members of the computational mechanics community at large are invited to submit nominations for the IACM awards, which are listed below.

Each nominator can propose no more than one individual for the same award, except for the Fellows Award in which case a nominator can propose two individuals. Self-nominations are not accepted. Diversity nominations are encouraged.

Each nomination must be supported by 3 reference letters and submitted on a two-page nomination form in PDF format (following the template provided [here](#)). It should contain:

1. The name of the nominee, including a valid e-mail address and, if available, professional affiliation.
2. The name of the award for which the nominee is being nominated.
3. A concise justification of no more than 500 words. This justification should contain an opening statement, specific supporting statements, and the proposed award citation.
4. A CV of the nominee.
5. 3 letters of reference from people who have *no conflict of interest*, defined for this purpose as people from a different organization and who have not been and are not currently a mentor of the nominee. Each letter should emphasize, when applicable, the impact of the nominee in the broadest sense, and should be written by the referee who can attest the best for this impact.

The *no conflict of interest* rule mentioned above does not apply to the nominator.

As noted above, a description of the IACM awards is given below. The names of the past winners of these awards can be found on the IACM website [here](#). A template for the nomination (**fillable pdf**) is attached to this e-mail and can be found on the same aforementioned webpage. Nominations must be submitted before or on **June 30th, 2017**, by email to the following e-mail address: [secretariat@iacm.info](mailto:secretariat@iacm.info).

Charbel Farhat  
Chair, IACM Awards Committees

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### IACM Medals and Awards

The **IACM Congress Medal (Gauss-Newton Medal)** is the highest award given by IACM. It honors individuals who have made outstanding, sustained contributions in the field of computational mechanics generally over periods representing substantial portions of their professional careers. The medal is bronze and carries the images of Newton and Gauss in recognition of the synergy between mathematics, numerical analysis, and mathematical modeling of physical events that underpin much of the broad field of computational mechanics.

*Conferred every two years. Maximum number of awards: one.*

The **IACM O.C. Zienkiewicz Award** is given in recognition of outstanding and sustained contributions to the broad field of computational mechanics. These contributions shall generally be in the form of important research results which significantly advance the understanding of theories and methods impacting computational mechanics, but special individual contributions in leadership and administration, industrial applications, and engineering analysis that advance computational mechanics shall also represent accomplishments worthy of recognition.

*Conferred every two years. Maximum number of awards: one.*

The **IACM Computational Mechanics Award** will be given for contributions to traditional areas, such as computational structural mechanics and computational fluid dynamics, but may also be given to recognize contributions outside these specific areas. For example, the Award may be given in recognition of accomplishments in software development, scientific computing, research contributions in computational electromagnetics, semi-conductor device simulation, biomechanics or other areas not traditionally embraced by computational structural mechanics and fluid dynamics but which have general applicability to computational mechanics.

*Conferred every two years. Maximum number of awards: one.*

The **IACM John Argyris Award** for Young Scientists recognizes outstanding accomplishments, particularly outstanding published papers, by researchers 40 or younger. Eligibility requires that the nominee not turn 41 in the year the award is presented.

*Conferred every two years. Maximum number of awards: one.*

The **IACM Fellows Award** recognizes individuals with a distinguished record of research, accomplishment and publication in areas of computational mechanics and demonstrated support of the IACM through membership and participation in the Association, its meetings and activities.

*Conferred every two years. Maximum number of fellow awards: before each WCCM the Executive Council will establish the exact number based on the report of the Secretary General on the number of members of the affiliated societies. In any case, eight is always a maximum and this number can only decrease.*

### *Rules and guidelines of the 2018 IACM awards*

The IACM awards will be given at the 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Computational Mechanics (**WCCM XIII**), New York City, USA, July 22-27, 2018.

**The Awards Committee.** There are two awards committees in 2018: the Major Awards Committee (MAC) and the General Awards Committee (GAC).

- MAC is responsible for the IACM Congress Medal (Gauss-Newton Medal), the IACM O.C. Zienkiewicz Award, the IACM Computational Mechanics Award, and the IACM Fellows Award;  
Members of MAC: *L. Demkowicz, C. Farhat, S. Idelsohn, W. K. Liu, Carlos A. Mota Soares, E. Oñate, E. Ramm, J.N. Reddy, B.A. Schrefler.*
- GAC is responsible for the IACM John Argyris Award for Young Scientists.  
Members of GAC: *MAC members + H.S. Park, A. Reali.*

For the 2018 edition of IACM Awards, the IACM Executive Council has appointed Prof. Charbel Farhat as Chair.

**Voting.** The Awards Committees shall select the awardees among the received nominations in a secret vote. The number of votes each Committee member has for each of the Awards will depend on the amount of nominations received and is yet to be decided by the Awards Committees. Maximum number of awards in each category is indicated in the Awards description above; in case of a draw in any of the categories an additional voting round(s) will take place.

**Nominations.** The IACM Awards Committees solicits nominations from the IACM Membership (and other members of the computational mechanics community). Each of the nominators may nominate no more than one individual for each of the awards,

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with the exception of the Fellows Award in which case two individuals may be nominated, upon the open call is launched. Self-nominations are not accepted. Nominators are invited to submit a two-page nomination form with 3 support letters and a CV of the nominee.

**Awards.** The maximum number of awards in each of the categories is one, except for the IACM Fellows Award where there will be 8 awardees.

**Call for Nominations.** All members of IACM (and other members of the computational mechanics community) are invited to submit nominations to the Awards Committee Chairman: Professor Charbel Farhat. Please send your nominations to the following e-mail: [secretariat@iacm.info](mailto:secretariat@iacm.info)