

## Call for nomination for IFToMM Awards

The honors and awards bestowed by IFToMM on its colleagues are an important and valuable method of showing appreciation for outstanding contributions made toward increasing technical knowledge, improving understanding, or achieving noteworthy scientific application. The effort by the nominator in documenting a nominee's attainments relating to an award is therefore extremely important. It is through the efforts of the nominator that our international colleagues are brought to the attention of IFToMM for consideration for the various awards. The IFToMM Executive Council understands and appreciates the amount of work required and is deeply grateful to nominators for their service to IFToMM and the field of machine theory.

The three different honors and awards of IFToMM are :

The Dedicated Service Award,  
The Award of Merit,  
The Honorary Membership.

The deadline for nominations for the Honorary Membership is exactly five months before the beginning of the month in which a World Congress will be held.

The IFToMM Executive Council (EC) can decide that Dedicated Service Awards and Awards of Merit will be presented on a suitable occasion between World Congresses. In such a case the deadline for the receipt of nominations is also five months before the beginning of the month in which the presentation will take place.

The IFToMM Dedicated Service Awards are presented by the Federation to honor persons who have provided dedicated voluntary service marked by outstanding performance, demonstrated effective leadership, prolonged and committed service, devotion, enthusiasm and faithfulness. Dedicated Service Awards will consist of an appropriate certificate and an acrylic plaque.

The IFToMM Award of Merit recognizes an exceptionally significant achievement in the science of machines and mechanisms. The achievement must be an important advance upon which subsequent work has built, or is expected to build. It may be an invention, a theoretical development, or a software artifact. This award is the highest recognition for research in the science of machines and mechanisms. If several individuals are judged to have contributed to the same achievement, either in collaboration or independently, the award may be shared. Awards of Merit will consist of an appropriate certificate and a medal.

Honorary Membership within IFToMM has been established as a part of the IFToMM Constitution to recognize a lifetime of accomplishments in machine and mechanism science for engineers and scientists with international reputations whom the Federation wishes to honor. Honorary memberships are bestowed every four years by the President of IFToMM at an IFToMM World Congress.

A complete nomination package should be forwarded, preferably by e-mail to the IFToMM Secretary for Honors and Awards:

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