

OPERATING PROCEDURE OP3

SUBJECT: EFNDT AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Scope

This procedure defines the method by which the EFNDT wishes to recognise the work of individuals and companies who provide outstanding service in support of NDT.

Recognition is also provided for young scientists for their contribution to NDT.

The EFNDT Award honours outstanding contribution to the EFNDT and/or the international NDT community.

The Annual Travel Award is aimed at helping the professional development of members. The Award will include both a financial contribution as well as official recognition from EFNDT for participation in an international conference or visit.

There are four different types of awards and recognition:

1. Recognition of Voluntary Effort in NDT
2. Recognition of young scientists
3. EFNDT Award
4. EFNDT Travel award

Procedure

1. Recognition of Voluntary Effort in NDT

EFNDT wishes to recognise the work of individuals and companies who provide voluntary effort in support of NDT. Both consistent effort and major effort in support of an event are worthy of recognition.

Each member NDT Society is invited to nominate up to three individuals or companies / organisations per year. (Individual Societies will be responsible for deciding on their nominations).

Nominations should be sent to the Secretariat. Nominees will receive a letter signed by the President congratulating them on their nomination and thanking them for their support. This letter will be sent to the National NDT Society making the nomination, which will be responsible for presenting it to the recipient. The Secretary prepares a letter based on the information provided by the national society (see template below).

MODEL LETTER (on EFNDT letterhead)

<Name of nominee>

<Address>

Dear Mr/Mrs <name of nominee>

EFNDT Recognition of Outstanding Voluntary Effort

Congratulations on being nominated by your National NDT Society – Name of Society – for EFNDT Recognition of your Outstanding Voluntary Effort in the field of description of efforts (prepared by National Society).

The very important work of NDT Societies in Europe is hugely dependent on the support of volunteers. Your contribution is very much appreciated.

Thank you for your effort.

Sincerely,

President, EFNDT

2. Recognition of young Scientists

EFNDT wishes to recognise the work of young scientists. Nominees should not be older than 30 years.

Each member NDT Society is invited to nominate up to three individuals per year. (Individual Societies will be responsible for deciding on their nominations).

Nominations should be sent to the Secretariat. Nominees will receive a letter signed by the President congratulating them on their nomination and achievements. This letter will be sent to the National NDT Society making the nomination, which will be responsible for presenting it to the recipient. The Secretary prepares a letter based on the information provided by the national society (see template below).

MODEL LETTER (on EFNDT letterhead)

<Name of nominee>

<Address>

Dear Mr/Mrs <name of nominee>

EFNDT Recognition of young scientists

Congratulations on being nominated by your National NDT Society – *Name of Society* – for EFNDT Recognition of young scientists in the field of *description of efforts (prepared by National Society)*.

The very important role of NDT is hugely dependent on scientific efforts. Your contribution is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

President, EFNDT

3. EFNDT Award

This award is created to reward persons acting for the benefit of the European and/or international NDT community, and can be attributed for significant actions in the field of:

- promotion and expansion of EFNDT, especially through activities in one of its working groups, or
- standardisation of NDT, or
- certification of NDT personnel.

Any member of EFNDT can make nominations for the award. The documented proposals shall be sent to the Secretariat at the latest one month before the General Assembly preceding the ECNDT. The proposals are then distributed to the General Assembly preceding the ECNDT for discussion and decision, which is taken as the opinion of the majority of members present.

The EFNDT Award is assigned for a maximum of three nominated persons every four years.

The award consists of a certificate and a medal. It is normally delivered to the nominated persons during a ceremony of the European Conference on NDT or the General Assembly or another suitable European event.

4. EFNDT Travel award

The National Societies of EFNDT recognise that attendance at international conferences, with the opportunity to meet a wide range of other workers active in NDT or condition monitoring, can be a very worthwhile and rewarding experience. Whilst many organisations are very supportive in the professional development of their staff, it is not always possible for members of NDT societies to demonstrate to their employers that the benefits of international visits justify the costs involved. This is particularly true of students and young professionals, but these are often the very people who would benefit most from such an opportunity.

The Award includes both a financial contribution as well as official recognition from EFNDT for participation in an international conference or visit.

Key Principles of the proposal:

1. The Award will be made annually for attendance at an international conference or for a coherent travel proposal such as visiting an overseas research centre or industrial site, which is judged to benefit the professional development of the recipient.
2. The Award will consist of a contribution towards travel, subsistence and conference fees. The amount will be typically up to 1000 euros but will be dependent on the particular circumstances (conference location and duration etc.).
3. In addition to the financial contribution, EFNDT will notify the conference organisers or other relevant hosts about the Award and ask them to make the visit as worthwhile as possible (e.g. by helping with introductions to others working in a related field).
4. The recipient will be asked to provide a feedback report to EFNDT indicating benefits or problems to help ensure that the future Awards meet their objectives.

Financial arrangements:

1. A segregated Award Fund to be set up under the control of the EFNDT Treasurer.
2. The initial Award Fund was established in 2009/10 by allocating a fixed sum of 5000 euros from the EFNDT account.
3. The value of each Travel Award will be up to 1000 euros. If the costs of the visit exceed the value of the Award, the recipient must obtain the remaining funds from their employer, university or other body.
4. The magnitude of the financial part of the award will not be publicised. The recipient's name and supporting organisation will normally be publicised because they are both participating in the professional development of the recipient, with added support from EFNDT.

Procedure for the Award

1. Nominations for the award will be requested annually using EFNDT publications. Nominations received by 1 January will be notified of the outcome by 31 March.
2. The judging panel will consist of five Directors of EFNDT who are appointed by the Board.

Eligibility criteria:

1. Applications should be from individual members of National NDT Societies who are full members of EFNDT. Applicants should be at an early stage in their career (e.g. students or within the first five years of employment within the NDT field).
2. The application should demonstrate that the award will help in the continuing professional development of the applicant and be supported by a referee who would normally be their tutor or manager.
3. Each nomination should be supported by the appropriate National NDT Society.

Judging criteria:

The key criterion is the extent to which the proposed conference or overseas visit will contribute to the professional development of the applicant in the field of NDT. This may be easier to demonstrate for relatively new entrants to the NDT profession, and for those who have not already participated in an overseas conference or visit, but the judging panel may take other factors into account in reaching their decision.

Number of awards:

The number of awards made each year will normally not exceed two.

Website

A roll of honour of nominees will be maintained on the EFNDT website.