

IFIP Bylaw 5. Awards and Distinctions

5.4 IFIP Fellow

5.4.1 General

The most prestigious IFIP technical distinction is the title of IFIP Fellow, which is conferred by the IFIP General Assembly on a current or past member of an IFIP body (e.g., WG, TC, GA, Domain Committee, IP3) in recognition of outstanding contributions in the field of information processing, in the role as a Technical Leader, Scientist, Engineer, or Educator. Current members of the Fellow Selection Committee are not eligible.

5.4.2 Procedure

The procedure consists of the following steps:

1. By January 15 (or a later date determined by the Executive Committee) the IFIP Secretariat invites all voting members and the members of all IFIP substructures to submit nominations explaining the terms of nomination and the deadline.

2. By April 30th each year (or a later date determined by the Executive Committee) a nominator submits a nomination using an online nomination system. A nominator can be any person (except the candidate nominated or a member of the Fellow Selection Committee). A nomination must indicate five other people as referees, who must all be current Working Group, Technical Committee or General Assembly members, or Fellows. Optionally the nomination may also name up to two people other than the nominator, the referees and the candidate who will provide endorsements; endorsers need not be IFIP Fellows, nor WG, TC or GA members. The nominator is responsible for obtaining all references and (if applicable) endorsements and uploading them when the online nomination is made. Members of the Fellow Selection Committee are not eligible to act as referees or endorsers.

3. (a) The Fellow Selection Committee (FSC) selects at most 16 candidates and presents them to the IFIP General Assembly by the end of July.

(b) FSC members should vote to support, not to support, or abstain on all applications received by the deadline and in the appropriate format. Late submissions or submissions not conforming to the format will not be considered. A nominee is deemed supported if they have received support from at least two thirds of the members of the FSC exercising a vote with abstentions not being counted. In addition there must be a minimum of 4 votes supporting the nomination.

(c) In any given year, no more than five (5) candidates aligned to a given technical area may be recommended to GA. In the event that there are more than five supported candidates in the same area, the FSC must identify its top 5 candidates in that area, priority being given to those with most votes in support. If this leaves any ties, the Chair may resolve them using additional casting votes as necessary. Any candidates rejected by this process will thereafter be considered unsupported in that year.

(d) If following the above process leads to more than 16 nominees being deemed supported, the FSC must identify its top 16 candidates to present to GA, using the same method as in (c). Any candidates rejected by this process will thereafter be considered unsupported in that year.

4. The final decision on supported candidates is made by the IFIP General Assembly (absolute majority, secret ballot).

5. The distinction is accompanied by a certificate and pin which is presented to the recipient by a member of the Executive Committee during a ceremony, preferably at one of IFIP's

sponsored events. The distinction is also recorded in the IFIP Information Bulletin and on the IFIP website.

6. The selection and approval process shall be considered strictly confidential. The only feedback that may be given is to tell the nominators that their nominees have or have not been approved. The only exceptions to this policy are that nominators of candidates who have been rejected under Bylaw 5.4.2 section 3(c) and 3(d) may be told that this was the reason as they may wish to resubmit the application in a future year. No publicity should be given to the nominations approved by the GA until the successful candidates have been notified and have confirmed their acceptance of the Fellowships.

5.4.3 Selection Criteria

The Fellow Selection Committee, when selecting nominations, uses the following criteria:

- Individual contribution as a Technical Leader, Scientist, Educator, or Engineer.
- Evidence of technical accomplishments.
- Role played in IFIP-sponsored events and functions in IFIP bodies (including membership).
- Awards (including IFIP awards) and other distinctions received by the nominee.

5.4.4. Fellow Selection Committee

The Fellow Selection Committee consists of an odd number of members from 9 to 15 inclusive, including a voting Chair.

The Fellow Selection Committee is not a Standing Committee and there is no restriction on who may be a member, except as specified below.

At the beginning of each three-year period, starting in 2021 (or when a vacancy occurs thereafter) the Executive Committee will seek nominations from members of the outgoing or current FSC and also the members of the Technical Assembly. It will generally appoint the members of the Committee from those nominated but is free to do otherwise if it thinks fit. Attention will be paid to the availability of suitable Fellows willing to take on the role of FSC member.

Each potential member of the FSC must identify their primary technical area from those covered by the Technical Committees. This determination may not be changed for the duration of the member's current term. In choosing members for the FSC, the Executive Committee will generally act on the principle that no more than 2 members aligned to any given technical area should serve on the FSC in any particular year.

The term of office of each member is 3 years. Members may serve a second 3-year term only after a break of at least 1 year. No person may serve more than two terms; an uncompleted term or a term during which the member fails to vote still counts for the purpose of calculating membership. The Chair is appointed by the Executive Committee from among the members of the FSC and may serve only one 3-year term as Chair, although he/she is eligible for membership of the FSC as otherwise allowed with their time as Chair counting toward membership.

It is intended that once a suitable number of Fellows have been elected to enable the FSC to be composed only of IFIP Fellows, that all members, including the Chair, must be IFIP Fellows from that point forward. Eligibility, nominations and appointments will still be made in accordance with the foregoing.

5.5 Deadlines

The deadlines for uploading nominations to the online nomination system given in Bylaws 5.1.2, 5.2.2, 5.3.2 and 5.4.2 shall be interpreted as meaning midnight local time in the country in which the Federation's seat is located.