IACR Policy for Test-of-Time Awards for General Conferences

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A Test-of-Time Award is given yearly for each one of the three IACR General Conferences (Eurocrypt, Crypto, Asiacrypt).

1   Eligibility

To be eligible for the award given at year X for a particular conference, a paper must have been published in the same conference at year $X - 15$.

Papers authored or co-authored by current members of the award committee are not eligible to receive the award that year.

2   Criteria

The Test-of-Time Award recognizes papers that have had a lasting impact on the field.

3   Nomination

Nominations are not necessary, the committee will consider and choose the eligible papers as it wishes. In addition any person can nominate a paper for the award. Nominations should come with a short justification (at most two pages).

4   Selection

The selection is performed by a Test-of-Time Award Committee for the particular conference. The committee will implement its selection autonomously, and no further instructions are given beyond what is stated in this document.

5   Number of awards

Usually one paper from the period will receive the award, but in exceptional situations this can be relaxed at the discretion of the committee.

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*The most recent version of this document can be obtained from `http://www.iacr.org/docs/`.

6   Committee

One test-of-time award committee will decide on the awards for the General Conferences. Its composition changes yearly. The committee for awards given at year X consists of five members:

- Two members appointed by the Board of Directors. The Board appoints one new member each year and each one serves for a term of two years.

- Three ex-officio members in the form of one program chair of each General Conference in year X. In case of co-chairs, the committee chair together with the co-chairs decide on one member.

Prior to appointing new members, the Board solicits recommendations from the existing test-of-time award committee and from the steering committees of IACR.

7   Committee chair

The appointed committee member that serves for the second part of her/his term chairs the committee for year X. She/he is responsible for organizing the selection process and announcing how nominations may be submitted.

8   Ceremony

The Test-of-Time award will be presented at the respective conference in a ceremony. It is not foreseen to have a corresponding technical talk or a paper in the proceedings.