

The IZA Protocol for the Donald W. Breck Award

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It is moved that there be established a Donald W. Breck Award Committee responsible for soliciting nominations with appropriate supporting documentation from the IZA membership and the Award Committee for “the most significant contribution to Molecular Sieve Science and Technology made between the 1st of January preceding the year of the current conference and December 31st of the year before the coming conference. For instance for the summer 1989 Conference, the period considered is “January 1, 1985 to December 31, 1988”.

The Award may be given to an individual or to a group.

The nominations should be accompanied by a list of references and a 2 page summary outlining in detail the novel findings and their scientific merit. They must be endorsed by at least five established zeolite scientists.

The Award Committee shall consist of a non-voting chairperson and at least five members to be appointed by the IZA Council on the first day of each Conference. At least one member must be from the resigning Committee. The newly appointed Award Committee is advised to meet at the Conference to set its selection rules and means of soliciting nominations. They are advised to confer with the resigning Award Committee. The Award Committee should ensure that the acceptance of nominations is advertised in the first circular of the upcoming Conference.

Members of the Award Committee who might be nominated for the Award should resign and a replacement will be appointed by the IZA Executive Committee.

The Breck Award Committee shall consider the nominations, which are due not later than three months prior to the upcoming Conference, and present to the IZA council members a slate of nominees together with the appropriate support (summary, references list, supporting letters) no later than one month prior to the Conference. The Breck Award Committee is entrusted to solicit nominations in order ensure that more than one proposal is received: an appropriate slate would be composed of three to five (or more) nominations. The IZA Council members are required to keep this information confidential.

Any IZA Council member being nominated for the Award shall not attend the Council meeting devoted to the discussion and the vote for the Awardee.

Following a discussion at the IZA Conference, the president shall conduct a ballot within the IZA Council to select the Awardee. Each member of the Council present shall vote for only one candidate in a secret ballot. The total score will specify the Awardee. The Award will be announced by the President at the Conference Banquet.

The Council also recommends that no sitting IZA Councilors or Breck Award Selection Committee member propose, nominate or endorse candidates for the Breck Award.