

## EUROPEAN CONTROL AWARD

The “**European Control Award (ECA)**” is to recognize outstanding contributions by a young researcher in the area of systems and control. The award is sponsored by the European Control Association (EUCA), and is presented during the annual European Control Conference. The recipient must have spent a major part of his or her career in Europe and, at the time of the nomination, must be working in a research institution or company in Europe. The ECA Award Committee selects the candidate from the nominations, which is then approved by the EUCA Council.

### **Award information:**

**Prize:** 3,000 EUR, a plaque, and travel expenses to the ECC (round trip restricted coach air fare, conference registration, and three conference-rate hotel nights). The recipient will give a plenary lecture during the final day of the ECC, describing a significant contribution to systems and control science or engineering.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible the nominee must be 40 years old or younger on January 1st of the year of the award, or satisfy the eligibility criteria for the ERC Consolidator grant of the year before the award (have obtained their first PhD less than 12 years prior to that year, with extensions as specified in the ERC regulations). See the website: <https://erc.europa.eu/funding/consolidator-grants> for detailed eligibility criteria of the ERC Consolidator grant. Furthermore, the nominee must at the time of the nomination be working in a research institution or company in Europe, and have spent a major part of their career prior to nomination in Europe.

**Basis for Judgment:** Significant contributions to the theory or applications of systems and control.

**Funding:** Funded by the European Control Association and the ECC organization.

**Presentation:** The award will be presented at the Awards Ceremony of the ECC.

**Award Committee:** The Award Committee is composed of 3 members, one of whom acts as the chairman. They are appointed by the EUCA Council and must not be members of the Council. The term of an Award Committee member is 3 years. One committee member should be replaced every year. Usually the member who has served the longest period of time will act as the chairman in the third year. The Award Committee proposes one candidate as the award winner and one runner-up, who are submitted to the EUCA Council for approval. If the Council decides in favour of the runner-up, the Award Committee has to agree to the decision. If the two bodies do not reach a consensus, the final decision is taken by the EUCA President. Information about the candidates who were not selected for the Award is not made public.

**Nominations.** Candidates for the awards must be proposed by other, usually senior scientists in the field. Nominations must be submitted electronically to the EUCA secretary by November 30th of the year before the award ([euca.nominations@gmail.com](mailto:euca.nominations@gmail.com)). The nomination package should be submitted as a single PDF file and must include (in the order listed):

- 1) A motivation letter from the nominator,
- 2) The completed award nomination form (see <https://euca-ecc.org/eca.html>), and
- 3) 1-3 further supporting letters. The nominator and the authors of the supporting letters must not be members of the EUCA Council

The EUCA Secretary forwards those nominations which satisfy the nomination criteria to the members of the Award Committee. If a member of the Award Committee has made a nomination, he or she must resign or be replaced for this selection round.