

- Title** FEMS Special Merit Award
- Initiated** 2003 (1st FEMS Congress)
- Objective** The award is intended to acknowledge and appreciate an individual's significant strategic, organizational or structural contribution to FEMS.
- Award** The award is a certificate of gratitude and appropriate token of appreciation featuring the awardee's name detailing their contribution to FEMS. The award will be presented to the awardee at a public meeting, such as a Council meeting or Congress.
- Eligibility** The award is open to all those that have (altruistically) contributed to organizational, strategic or structural developments of the Federation. Members of the Board of Directors (including former members) members are not eligible.
- Frequency** The award may be given at any time and frequency.

Nominations may be submitted at any time (there is no deadline)

Nominees may be proposed by FEMS Delegates on behalf of their FEMS Member Society or by Members the FEMS Board of Directors.

Proposals should consist of:

- a. a letter of recommendation written by the nominator or the Member Society.
- b. details of the contributions of the nominee.
- c. a curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages) and list of achievements.

Proposals should be submitted to the Awards committee via fems@fems-microbiology.org

- Review** The Awards committee will review each nomination and respond to the nominator if unsuccessful and both the nominator and nominee in successful applications.