

Henry Abraham award

The Henri Abraham Award was established to **recognize Long Distinguished and Meritorious Service to IUPAP** by people that had not been IUPAP's President or Commission Chair. In 2020 it was named after **Henri Abraham, who was IUPAP's Secretary General for nine years, contributing selflessly to the advancement of the Union**. The awardees receive a certificate of recognition and gratitude and are portrayed on the IUPAP's website and through other communication means.

Long service is defined to be more than 9 years of service. Meritorious service is service recognized by the IUPAP Executive Council as having significantly helped IUPAP to achieve and sustain its mission.

Currently, the criteria for Henry Abraham award especially the requirement for **Long Distinguished and Meritorious service** of nine years is vague and just too long, especially in view of the fact that the IUPAP Secretariat is not permanently located in one place and therefore, it is highly unlikely that an individual would have served more than nine years which virtually eliminates an already small pool of eligible candidates.

Solution: We should lower the requirement of nine year duration to five years and then judge the merit of the candidate.

The reasons why Presidents or Chairs of Commission and Working Groups were excluded are: It does not put Council in the conflict of interest situation of voting to award such certificates to its own members.