

# EPS Awards and Distinctions Committee meeting

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## New EPS Awards and Distinctions Committee: first meeting

- Our General Secretary, Anne Pawsey, proposed at the new Exec Committee meeting in September to resume the Awards and Distinctions Committee activity
- I volunteer (as a new member of the Executive Board) to co-chair it with Luisa Cifarelli, inviting new members.
- The Committee members:
  - Luisa Cifarelli (former EPS President , co-chair)
  - Anna Di Ciaccio (Exec. Board member, co-chair)
  - Dendy Richard (Plasma Physics Division)
  - Enrique Dies (Condensed Matter Division)
  - Lukas Gallmann (Quantum Electronics and Optics Division)
  - Anne Pawsey (General Secretary)
  - Gina Gunaratnam (Communication Coordinator)
- The Executive Committee endorsed the new composition on Nov 24th



## Mandate of the committee

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- EPS has the **honor** of awarding many prizes (about 50: 5 “central” and others awarded by divisions/groups/ committees) to **outstanding individuals in physics** and the **responsibility** to ensure **high standards**.
- The EPS Distinctions and Awards Committee is mandated to :
  - advise the Executive Committee on policy in this area
  - make recommendations regarding new prizes and awards
- Presently, I understand that we do not have a single procedure for prizes/distinctions/awards
- Looking to the future, we could provide general guidelines for improvement and consistency.
- EPS currently has different division/group award procedures. These could be left as they are, primarily if they work well.



## Scope of today's meeting

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Today's meeting aims to discuss the current guidelines and recommend improvements for:

- making the call for nominations more widely known (via the web? mail? etc.)
- ensuring that the information reaches a broader community, i.e., receiving a significant number of nominations
  - A simple suggestion (central prizes): EPS could e-mail the divisions/group's chair, informing them that the call for nominations of the EPS prizes is open, and we could solicit nominations through our board and division members.
- Improving gender equality (lacking women nominations!) and diversity and inclusion
  - Anne will show us statistics on women nominations collected over the past years for different prizes



# Agenda page on Indico

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- <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1358644/>

**10:00** → 10:20 **Introduction**

**Speaker:** Anna Di Ciaccio (INFN e Universita Roma Tor Vergata (IT))

**10:20** → 10:40 **EPS central prize guidelines and statistics on nomination for past prizes**

**Speaker:** Anne Pawsey (European Physical Society)

**10:40** → 11:10 **Inputs from divisions/groups**

**Speakers:** Enrique Diez Fernandez, Luisa Cifarelli, Lukas Gallmann, Richard Dendy

**11:10** → 11:30 **Proposal of resuming Alessandro Volta prize**

**Speaker:** Luisa Cifarelli-Strolin (Dipartimento di Fisica)

**11:30** → 11:50 **Conclusion**