IFIP Bylaw 5. Awards and Distinctions

5.4 IFIP Fellow

5.4.1 General

The most prestigious IFIP’s technical distinction is the title of IFIP Fellow, which is conferred by the IFIP General Assembly on a current or past member of an IFIP body (e.g. WG, TC, GA, Domain Committee, IP3) in recognition of outstanding contributions in the field of information processing, in the role as a Technical Leader, Scientist, Engineer, or Educator. Current members of the Fellow Selection Committee are not eligible.

5.4.2 Procedure

The procedure consists of the following steps:

1. By February 28th (or a later date determined by the Executive Committee) a nominator submits a nomination using the online nomination system available to General Assembly members in the website Secure Area. A nominator can be any person (except the candidate nominated). A nomination must indicate five other people as referees, who must all be current Working Group, Technical Committee or General Assembly members. Optionally the nomination may also name up to two people other than the nominator, the referees and the candidate who will provide endorsements. The nominator is responsible for obtaining all references and (if applicable) endorsements and uploading them when the online nomination is made.

2. The Fellow Selection Committee selects at most 16 candidates (simple majority) and presents them to the IFIP General Assembly by the end of July. During the first 3 years, i.e. until 2019, the Fellow Selection Committee can select and present to the IFIP General Assembly up to 48 candidates per year.

3. The final decision is made by the IFIP General Assembly (absolute majority, secret ballot).

4. The distinction is accompanied by a plaque which is presented to the recipient by a member of the Executive Committee during a ceremony, preferably at one of IFIP-sponsored events. The distinction is also recorded in the IFIP Information Bulletin and on the IFIP website.

5.4.3 Selection Criteria

The Fellow Selection Committee, when selecting nominations, uses the following criteria:

- Individual contribution as a Technical Leader, Scientist, Educator, or Engineer.
- Evidence of technical accomplishments.
- Role played in IFIP-sponsored events and functions in IFIP bodies (including membership).
- Awards (including IFIP awards) and other distinctions received by the nominee.