

ICO Galileo Galilei Award

The ICO Galileo Galilei Award contributes to one of the essential missions of the International Commission for Optics: recognize the promotion of Optics under difficult circumstances. The award was established by the 1993 General Assembly of ICO and has been awarded annually since 1994.

Rules applicable to the Galileo Galilei Award:

1 - The Galileo Galilei medal of ICO is awarded for outstanding contributions to the field of optics which are achieved under comparatively unfavorable circumstances.

2.1 - [The outstanding contributions in the field of optics should refer to:](#)

- [fundamental scientific questions or problems](#), or - research or development of optical methods or devices, or- scientific or technical leadership in the establishment of regional optical centers.

2.2 - "[Comparatively unfavorable circumstances](#)" refers to difficult economic or social conditions or lack of access to scientific or technical facilities or sources of information.

2.3 - The outstanding contributions must be documented, if applicable, by internationally acknowledged publications. Exceptionally, reports can be considered, provided that they are made available to the Award Committee.

3 - The award is normally given to one person. Exceptionally, however, if a collective contribution is judged to be worthy of the award a team of several persons may be selected.

4 - Every year, the ICO Committee for the Regional Development of Optics issues a call for nominations that is published in the ICO Newsletter, receives the nominations and selects the winner for approval by the Bureau at its next meeting. The award need not be given every year if the Bureau so chooses.

5 - The award consists of: a) the Galileo Galilei Medal, a silver medal with the portrait of Galileo Galilei donated by the Italian Society of Optics and Photonics, [SIOF](#) (Società Italiana di Ottica e Fotonica). b) assistance in travel to present an invited paper and receive the award at the next ICO Congress or another ICO meeting mutually agreed to by the Bureau and the award winner, c) a cash donation d) special attention and appropriate measures of ICO to support the future activities of the award winner.

The prize will be presented at the next appropriate major ICO meeting and the Prize winner will be expected to deliver an invited talk at that Meeting. Applications should follow the instructions below and nominators are encouraged to clearly document all aspects of the nomination, including:

- the characterisation of the scientific work,
- the activities in management and organisation in the applicant's homeland,
- the cooperation with and support of organisations outside the homeland,
- the nature of the organisation that the candidate is working for in his/her homeland,
- the characterisation of the "unfavourable circumstances" under which the work was performed.

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Nomination instructions for all ICO awards

Nominations should document all sections listed below

- Full name of nominee
- Nominator's name and address
- Nominator's signature, date
- Date of birth of nominee
- Business address
- Academic background, education (college or university, location, major field, degree, year awarded)
- Academic honors
- Employment history (position, organization, duties, dates)
- Publications, patents, unpublished reports, papers presented at meetings, etc. (attach a list of those you deem pertinent)
- Honors and awards. Scientific achievements for which the candidate is nominated for this award: attach a separate sheet).

Notes: Nominators are encouraged to generate supporting letters; each supporting letter must come from a different country or ICO Territory and bring additional information on the case. The number of supporting letters will not be a selection criterion.

The recipient will be expected to give a presentation based upon his/her achievements at the next appropriate ICO Meeting. The ICO/ICTP Gallieno Denardo Award winner will be expected to give a presentation at the next appropriate ICTP/ICO event.

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Photograph of the Galileo Galilei medal, donated by the Società Italiana di Ottica e Fotonica.