

ESORICS

ESORICS awards process

Introduction

ESORICS has established two annual awards: The ESORICS Outstanding Research Award and the ESORICS Outstanding Contribution Award.

The Outstanding Research Award is given for outstanding and innovative technical contributions to the field of computer security that have had lasting impact in furthering or understanding the theory or development of secure systems.

The Outstanding Contribution Award is given to recognize, in addition to research results, also contributions to the community in the large. Within the context of the award, “contribution” should be interpreted as “contribution to the field”.

This document sets out the procedures to be followed for nominating candidates for the awards, for selecting the recipients, and for announcing the awards.

Nominations

Nominations for the awards are made by the members of the ESORICS Steering Committee following an invitation by the Chair of the Steering Committee. The members of the ESORICS Steering Committee should not be nominated for either award while serving on the Steering Committee.

Each member of the Steering Committee may nominate more than one candidate for each award. Each nomination should be accompanied by a short statement of support. The Chair of the Steering Committee collects the nominations and announces the list of nominees soon after the deadline for submitting nominations expires.

Discussion

Following the announcement of the list of nominees, a discussion phase follows, during which the rationale for each nomination will be presented by the respective nominator and discussed.

Decision process

The decision on the recipients is made by voting among the members of the Steering Committee.

If there are three or less candidates for an award, a single-round voting process is to be followed, as follows:

1. Each Steering Committee member votes for up to one candidate.
2. The candidate who receives the largest number of votes is the award winner.

If there are more than three candidates for an award, a two-round voting process is to be followed, as follows:

3. First round: each Steering Committee member votes for up to three most preferred candidates.
4. The three candidates who receive the most votes go to the second round.
5. Second round: each Steering Committee member casts one vote.
6. Result: the candidate who receives the largest number of votes is the award winner.

If ties happen in the first round, all candidates who received as many votes as any of the top three did are included in the second round. If ties happen in the second round, the one with the largest number of votes in the first round is selected. If a tie still exists, the Steering Committee members vote again among those who received equal numbers of votes.

In all cases implicit or explicit abstention is possible. Missing votes will be considered as abstentions and will not count towards determining the result.

Voting

Voting will be performed as stipulated in the “Voting procedures” document.

Presentation of awards

Following the completion of the voting process, the Chair of the Steering Committee announces the results to the Steering Committee and informs the recipients.

The awards are presented to the recipients by the Chair of the ESORICS Steering Committee during the ESORICS conference.

Each award is accompanied by a plaque. The plaques are prepared by the organizers of the year’s ESORICS conference; the relevant cost is part of the ESORICS conference budget.