This document proposes three categories of award for Clinical Engineering professionals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of Clinical Engineering.

According to the IFMBE policies and procedures, Section 4 - “Awards and Recognitions”: the IFMBE encourages the formation of nominating committees in its specialized divisions, to recognize worthy individuals and forward their names to the appropriate committee for consideration.

The nominees will be individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in research, education or service provision for the benefit of Clinical Engineering, made significant enhancements to the interests and activities of the IFMBE/CED Board or the profession, or effected extraordinary accomplishments that enhance health and quality of life for people worldwide. For nomination a Curriculum Vitae is to be submitted together with the proposal, paying special attention to the established criteria.

**Basic Requirements**

The CED Awards Nominating Committee will be composed of three CED elected and co-opted members, selected by the CED/IFMBE chair.

The CED Awards Nominating Committee will:

1 – Share information on the awards and their rules with the clinical engineering community

2 - Receive, evaluate and select nominations for the awards

3 - Sent the selected nominations to the **IFMBE Award Committee**.

The recognition bestows by the IFMBE/CED awards will be distributed through worldwide and regional publications/periodicals/newsletters/conferences (purposely chosen according
to the origin of the award-winning candidate), IFMBE/CED publications and newsletters, CED directory and IFMBE publications.

A) IFMBE/CED AWARD

Description
This award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding regional or international contributions to the field of Clinical Engineering.

Criteria:

1.0 The nominee has demonstrated a significant impact on the Clinical Engineering field.

2.0 The nominee has significantly contributed to the development of the profession of Clinical Engineering.

3.0 The nominee’s activities on national and/or international organizations for Clinical Engineering have been meritorious.

Frequency
Once every three years, to coincide with the IFMBE World Congress. All nominations for this award must be submitted to the Chairman of the IFMBE Awards Committee at least 12 months prior to the next World Congress.

Prize
Plaque, travel funds to attend the World Congress (Flight in economic class, accommodation in standard hotel, up to $1000 max). Plenary talk (or invited talk in the Clinical Engineering session) at the IFMBE World Congress.

Presentation
The IFMBE/CED Award will be presented at the next World Congress. Additional presentations at regional events are recommended but no additional funds will be allocated.
B) Clinical Engineering Teamwork Award

Description
This award recognizes an individual or a group that has fostered and facilitated cooperation between clinical technology managers and other members of the healthcare field, to successfully achieve outstanding impact on the clinical engineering field.

Criteria:
The work of the nominated Individual or group has benefitted global clinical engineering, the healthcare community, and patients, through a combination of the following categories:

1.0 Professional Collaboration

1.1 Improved coordination, cooperation, collaboration and open communication among organizations.

1.2 Improved coordination, cooperation, collaboration and open communication among hospital CE programs, other hospital departments, or healthcare units.

1.3 Improved coordination, cooperation, collaboration and open communication among IFMBE-wide or similar entities.

1.4 Built relationships across different groups of stakeholders within healthcare to identify and solve problems, or reach agreements on a course of action.

1.5 Worked effectively as part of a team to successfully accomplish the above goals.

1.6 Developed a partnership that uses the input and involvement of those affected by healthcare technology.

1.7 Created a team environment that promotes communication, trust, cooperation, and increased recognition for clinical engineering practitioners.

2.0 Impact

2.1 Created specific, identifiable improvement in patient safety, healthcare technology services efficiency, and quality of technology management programs.

2.2 Conducted cross-training programs resulting in the growth of practitioner competencies, expansion of job responsibilities and improvement of technical service to customers.

2.3 Completed highly important regional or global special projects.
2.4 Demonstrated ability to be able to function and implement solutions in unique (sometimes adverse) circumstances.

2.5 Inspired others with his/her actions, attitude and personality.

2.6 Contributed to group efforts which resulted in significant impact on CE status

2.7 Accepted responsibility and accountability in helping to advance the CE's mission and/or CE recognition and/or CE program goals.

3.0 **Leading change**

3.1. Developed and implemented innovative ideas or suggestions to improve global technology management program methods.

3.2. Built an effective team and actively participated in meetings and activities (such as CED and other healthcare groups) while influencing others to become involved in the CE files or projects.

3.3. Leveraged the skills and interests of colleagues to achieve goals that solve healthcare technology-related problems.

3.4. Placed team goals above personal goals while achieving distinctive results.

3.5. Adjusted his/her work approach to accommodate the needs and preferences of others, and demonstrated an understanding of how his/her actions would affect others.

3.6. Looked for ways to help his/her coworkers and responded positively to requests for assistance by sharing knowledge and experience to help other CEs grow toward their professional goals.

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**Frequency**

Two prizes per year. All nominations for this award must be submitted to the Chairman of the IFMBE Awards Committee between March 31st and September 30th.

**Prize**

Plaque.

**Presentation**
The Clinical Engineering Teamwork Award will be awarded at the next IFMBE regional conference. Additional presentations at regional events are recommended.
C) Best Clinical Engineering Article Award

Description
This award recognizes an individual or a group that stood out for writing the best clinical engineering article, published in IFMBE Conferences Proceedings and Journals, providing an innovative research contribution that results in progress in clinical engineering.

Criteria:

1.0 Professional Merit

1.1 Innovation, creativity and originality, as reflected in new insights, interpretations, facts, innovations, methods, applications, etc.

1.2 Scientific and professional quality of the research, scientific issue review, application to CE practice in resources poor region work, methods of inquiry, etc.

1.3 Explanations, interpretations, and discussions (documented, balanced, critical, etc.).

2.0 Contribution

2.1 Significance, for the CE community, of the topic or problem investigated or explained (universality, urgency, impact, etc.).

2.2 Usefulness of the paper in daily practice for professionals (applicability, problem-solving value, etc.).
2.3 Relevance of the topic or problem to the interests of clinical engineers, worldwide.

**Nominations**

A paper or manuscript published in IFMBE Conferences Proceedings or Journals and Curriculum Vitae is to be sent to the chairman of the CED award committee. The nominees’ Curriculum Vitae are to be submitted together with the proposal with special attention to the established Criteria. Members of the CED Awards Committee may submit to the Committee Chairman their recommendation for best manuscript nomination.

**Frequency**

Two prizes per year. All nominations for this award must be submitted to the Chairman of the IFMBE Awards Committee between March 31st and September 30th.

**Prize**

Plaque.

**Presentation**

The Clinical Engineering Article Award will be awarded at the next IFMBE regional conference. Additional presentations at regional events are recommended.