



Call for Nominations for the PAUL J. CRUTZEN AWARD FOR EARLY CAREER SCIENTISTS - 2026

International Commission on Atmospheric Chemistry and Global Pollution (iCACGP)

The international Commission on Atmospheric Chemistry and Global Pollution (iCACGP) is one of the Commissions in IAMAS ([International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences](#)) of the IUGG ([International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics](#)) under the non-governmental ISC ([International Science Council](#)) family. iCACGP facilitates atmospheric chemistry research that contributes to solving the societal issues of air quality, human/ecosystem health, food production and water quality. This is achieved through an improved understanding of the fundamental mechanisms controlling atmospheric composition and surface fluxes, as well as the development of enhanced predictive capabilities.

Purpose of the prize

The "Paul J. Crutzen Award for Early Career Scientists of the International Commission on Atmospheric Chemistry and Global Pollution" is granted for an outstanding research contribution in atmospheric sciences by an early career scientist. The purpose of the award is to promote scientific innovation in atmospheric sciences for the protection of the environment.

The person nominated for the Award should be the first author of at least one cited paper with significant innovation and impact. An early career scientist is defined for **this award** as a researcher within 10 years of completing a Ph.D. or equivalent degree. Justified work stoppages due to family or personal health events are excluded from the time since their highest degree. The nominee should meet the above criteria by the first of June of the year in which the award is contested.

Nomination Procedure

A complete nomination package must be emailed in a single message to the following address: icacgp-crutzen-2026@ircelyon.univ-lyon1.fr, with the subject line: "Nomination for the iCACGP Paul J. Crutzen Award 2026".

The nomination package (in English) should include:

A nomination letter (max. one page).

- At least two endorsement letters (and no more than four) describing the impact and innovation of the exceptional achievements of the candidate (max. one page each). The letters must clearly state the affiliation, address, and scientific qualifications of the nominator.
- One page summarizing the scientific achievements of the candidate, in which the key paper(s) of the candidate are cited.
- A brief curriculum vitae of the candidate (max. two pages).
- A full publication list, clearly marking the papers for which the candidate is the corresponding author and those published without his/her degree advisor.
- An electronic copy of one or more key scientific papers in PDF format.

To be eligible, the nomination must be complete and legible. Self-nominations will not be considered.

The winner is expected to attend the next scientific meeting of iCACGP in person, which in 2026 will be the joint iCACGP–IGAC Symposium, taking place in Heraklion (Greece) from September 7th to 11th (www.icacgp-igac2026.org), and make a short presentation of her/his achievements.

Candidates who have previously won the Paul J. Crutzen Award for Early Career Scientists are no longer eligible for nomination. The Award Committee may decline to give the Award if none of the nominations submitted is of a sufficiently high scientific standard.

The deadline for submission of the full nomination package is April 15, 2026. The decision will be announced end of May 2026.

The Prize

The Award consists of a certificate, accompanied by a prize that will cover registration fees, airfare (economy class) and lodging fee of the winner to attend the joint Symposium. The award will be presented at the conference.

The Award Committee

A ranking of the candidates will be made by the Award Committee, which consists of iCACGP commission members and the President of the Commission.

The assessors will evaluate and rank the nominations submitted for the Award according to their innovation and impact.

The final selection will be made by the Commission. Information on previous awardees can be found on the iCACGP website.