

* About the ICPE Medal*

In 1979 George Marx, a Hungarian researcher in the field of physics education, proposed to institute a medal to recognise “outstanding contributions to physics teaching of a kind that transcends national boundaries”. The Commission succeeded in establishing the award of an ICPE Medal with the following two criteria:

- 1· The contributions to physics education should have extended over a considerable number of years;
2. The contributions should be international in their scope and influence.

The first award of the medal was made in 1980 to Professor Eric M. Roger during the Trieste Conference on Education for Physics Teaching. The list of recipients can be found at

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. The medal was designed by the Hungarian artist Miklós Borsos. The face shows a symbolic picture: the interaction of human beings with forces of nature in the form of the four elements of the ancient Greek philosophers – earth, water, air and fire, the last one being symbolised by powerful rays of sunlight. The human beings capture the essence of physics education, as we seek to understand and share our understandings of nature. The back of the medal bears the text: ‘Awarded to N.N. by the International Commission on Physics Education of IUPAP for long and distinguished service to physics education’.

The submission process starts with a nomination according with the criteria and a report by two references from recognized peers. Submissions must be sent to IUPAP and a subcommittee of IUPAP Commission C14 will select the awardee. The Medal will be awarded at an ICPE conference.

The C14 Commission 2017-2020

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