



Amaldi Medal Rules

The Italian Society of General Relativity and Gravitation (henceforth SIGRAV) awards the “Amaldi Medal”, European Prize for Gravitational Physics, every two years. The Medal honors Edoardo Amaldi, who played a key role in the reconstruction of post-war physics in Italy and fostered, among other projects, the experimental research for gravitational waves.

The Medal is awarded to a European scientist who has given contributions of high relevance to General Relativity and/or Gravitational Physics. In particular instances, two Medals can be awarded at the same time.

“European scientist” identifies in this context a scientist whose scientific career has unfolded mostly within the geographical territory of Europe in a wide sense.

SIGRAV members are eligible if they have not served in leading roles of the Society (Board member or President) in the previous eight years.

The selection process takes place in three phases:

Phase 1 –

Nominations are proposed by SIGRAV members, in response to a call issued by the Board roughly one year before the biennial Society meeting. Nominations must be turned in (via email to an address to be clearly specified in the call) using a standard format: a letter with motivation, a “laudatio”, signed by one or more proponents. Self-nominations are not admitted.

Phase 2 –

The SIGRAV Board appoints a Committee to compile a short-list of candidates.

The Committee is composed of the SIGRAV President plus four members of high scientific profile, including, when possible, previous Amaldi Medal recipients.

The SIGRAV President appoints one of the Committee members to act as Coordinator.

The Coordinator collects the nominations, sets the work schedule and guarantees a smooth completion of the selection process.

The Committee can convene or discuss and decide via email. Participation to the Committee is voluntary and free of charge for the Society.

The Committee must finish its operations no later than five months before the SIGRAV National Conference.

The Committee examines the nominations contributed by the SIGRAV members. It can seek external advice on the received nominations and/or seeks further external nominations, before deciding.



The Committee evaluates the entire scientific career of the candidates. It could also take into account thematic considerations, insofar as this does not conflict with the scientific quality standards of the Prize.

At the end of its work, the Committee presents a short list, of up to three names worth of the Medal, to the SIGRAV Board.

Phase 3 -

The Board selects, within the short list, the Amaldi Medal recipient, and communicates the prize to the winner in time to plan arrangements for the awarding ceremony.

The Amaldi Medal is awarded during the SIGRAV National Meeting.

The Medal recipient or recipients take part in the Meeting where they deliver a *Lectio Magistralis*. Online participation can be exceptionally allowed when motivated by serious impediments.

The Board, based on the previous experience, can periodically reconsider the rules of the Prize (normally every four years), and renews (at least in part) the Committee before every new edition.

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