**KRISTIAN BECKMAN AWARD**

**(revised May 2025)**

**Background**

The Kristian Beckman Award was established in 1992 by IFIP Technical Committee 11 to commemorate the first chair of the committee, Kristian Beckman from Sweden, who was also responsible for promoting the founding of TC-11 in 1983.

The objective of the award is to publicly recognise an individual, not a group or organisation, who has significantly contributed to the development of information security, especially achievements with an international perspective. However, this particular requirement will not necessarily preclude nominations of those whose main achievements have been made on a national level.

This award is granted annually to a successful nominee and is presented to the winner at the annual IFIP SEC conference that is organised under the auspices of TC-11.

**Nomination process**

Each year the TC chair will send out a call for nominations, requesting nominations to be sent to the KB Award Committee.

Suitable candidates can be nominated by:

* organizations who are represented in IFIP TC-11, nominations can be made via the president, executive director or GA member of the organization involved;
* any TC-11 member, including members of TC-11 working groups.

Suitable candidates for nomination must have contributed considerably, at the international level, to:

* progress in research, practice, policy, or law; and / or
* promotion of information security; and / or
* education of students / professionals.

Means to substantiate nominations are among others:

* publications; and / or
* presentations; and / or
* outstanding educational achievements; and / or
* inventions / patents; and / or
* important, acknowledged, advisory work for international organizations, governments, major companies

Additional conditions:

* Candidates for the award may be either academic or practitioners, or active in both respects.
* The individuals selected by the national bodies need not necessarily be of the same nationality as that which the nominating body represents.
* Current TC-11 members may be nominated for the Award once in every three years. Working group members do not fall under this restriction (with the exception of those working group officers that according to the Statutes & Bylaws are member of the TC).
* Self-nominations are not permitted
* Any close personal or professional relationships (e.g. marriage/partnership, family members, student-supervisor, employer/boss–employee relationships) between the nominator and nominated candidate for the award should be transparently declared in the nomination statement as potential conflicts of interests.

**Evaluation and selection process**

The TC-11 management team (excluding the person that is part of the KB Committee) has the task to make sure that at least three candidates are nominated every year. If sufficient candidates have not been nominated via the above two channels, the management team has to identify (additional) candidates.

The nominations are evaluated by the KB Award Committee. This committee is chaired by the TC chair and consists of the TC chair, the Swedish representative and one alternating member. The alternating member is the representative in TC-11 of the country that is hosting the SEC conference. If there is more than one computer society of a host country represented in TC-11, all representatives will be part of the KB Award Committee for that year.

The KB Award committee has to come to a unanimous decision and to keep the proposals and its discussions about the candidates confidential within the KB Award committee. Only the name of the awardee and the rationale for awarding the KBA are to be communicated outside the committee. If the KBA is not awarded only this information is to be communicated.

In order to make it possible for the winner to arrange attendance at the annual conference to give a presentation, the winner should normally be announced no later than six months before the conference dates. Having the winner as a speaker also contributes to the prestige and visibility of SEC. Nominations must therefore be received suitably in advance of the event to enable planning and promotion (with the advised period being 7 months in advance).

**Award winner expenses**

At its 2018 meeting, TC-11 members agreed that the TC budget would be used to support the presentation of the Kristian Beckman Award to the winner at the associated IFIP SEC conference. This typically includes covering travel and accommodation for the winner, as well as the production of the award. The SEC conference (for the year of the award) will provide a complimentary registration (including social events).

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**Security and Privacy Protection in Information Processing Systems**

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NOMINATION FORM

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Name of Nominee:

Title:

Surname:

Organisation:

Telephone:

Email:

Field of Security Interest:

A*t least one of the fields should be commented, use additional pages if necessary.*

1. Contributions to progress in research, practice, policy, or law:

*Provide comment as to reasons for the nomination detailing significant progress to which the nominee contributed.*

1. Contributions to promotion of information security:

*Provide comment as to reasons for the nomination detailing significant* *promotion activities completed by the nominee.*

1. Contributions to education of students / professionals

*Provide comment as to reasons for the nomination detailing significant education activities completed by the nominee.*

Nominated by:

Declaration of conflict of interest:

In case of a national organisation also mention the country representative:

Date: