Regulations for the Award of the Paoloni Medal

Art. 1 – The Italian Research Group for the History and Foundations of Chemistry (GNFSC) awards the Paoloni Medal every two years to honor the Italian or foreign scholar who, through the overall body of their work in the History or Foundations of Chemistry, has made a significant contribution to these disciplines.

Art. 2 – The GNFSC Executive Board decides on the award of the Medal at its meeting in February of the award year and notifies the Members.

Art. 3 – The call for nominations will be posted online (in Italian and English) through the main communication networks.
Both Italian and foreigner faculty members, scholars, and independent researchers are invited to submit nominations by September of the year preceding the award of the Medal by emailing the following documentation to (gnfsc1986@gmail.com):
(a) a letter of nomination stating the reasons for the candidacy;
(b) the nominee's academic profile (max. 1 page), including a brief CV, a description of the most important aspects of the nominee's scholarly activity, and the main honors/awards received;
(c) a digital copy of the five publications considered most significant. These works may be in one of the following languages: Italian, English, or French;
(d) a digital photograph of the nominee;
€ a scanned copy of an ID for the nominee and the nominators (if they are external to the GNFSC).

Art. 4 – The Medal is awarded on the non-appealable decision of the Committee, comprised of the Executive Board and three Members selected each time by drawing lots. The Committee, constituted by October of the year preceding the award, selects the winner and announces the result publicly at the Members' Assembly held the following April. In the event of a tie between two candidates, the President's vote counts as two.

Art. 5 – Members selected by drawing lots to sit on a Committee shall not be eligible to sit on the next judging Committee.

Art. 5bis – Individuals who have submitted a nomination, or who have been nominated, shall not serve on the Committee. In such cases, an appropriate number of Members will be selected by drawing lots to replace the nominator(s).

Art. 5ter – The following individuals are not eligible to receive the Medal:

(a) scholars who earned a degree or a PhD under the supervision of a member of the Committee;
(b) scholars affiliated with the same department or the same research institute as a member of the Committee;
(c) relatives of any degree (as well as cohabiting partners) of a member of the Committee.

Art. 5quater – The Medal is presented at the next GNFSC Conference.

Art. 6 – No official record of the vote to award the Medal will be kept, and no ranking of candidates will be issued.

Art. 6bis – If the Committee determines that none of the nominees are deserving, the Medal will not be awarded.

Art. 7 – The award recipient will be invited to deliver a keynote lecture to the Members, open to the public, on a date agreed with the President of the GNFSC.

Art. 8 – These Regulations, as well as the up-to-date list of award recipients, will be posted on the GNFSC website, as applicable.

Art. 9 – The Medal is awarded to a single recipient.

Art. 10 – These Regulations may be amended by the majority of the Executive Board.

Art. 11 – The Executive Board may decide to discontinue the Award, subject to confirmation by a vote of the GNFSC Members.