

The Surface Science Society of Japan, Public Interest Incorporated Association

The Heinrich Rohrer Medal Award Regulations

Approved by the Executive Board on February 1, 2014

(Definition)

Article 1 The Surface Science Society of Japan, Public Interest Incorporated Association (hereafter, the Society), has established The Heinrich Rohrer Medal in order to inform the world about the distinguished achievements that have been highly evaluated worldwide in the fields of nanoscience and nanotechnology based on surface science. The Heinrich Rohrer Medal consists of a “Grand Medal” awarded to an individual who has accomplished outstanding results in the aforementioned fields over a reasonable period, and a “Rising medal” awarded to researchers who are 37 years of age or younger and have obtained outstanding results and are expected to continue playing active roles in the aforementioned fields.

(Candidates)

Article 2 The Heinrich Rorer Medal targets researchers all over the world, regardless of membership in the Society, nationality, sex, age, organizational affiliation, and so on, whereas the candidates for The Rising Medal must be 37 years of age or younger as of January 1 of the award year. A deceased person cannot be nominated.

2. There is one Grand Medal and, in principle, there is one awardee; however, in some cases, an award can be given to multiple persons due to a common theme of a joint research. There is a limit of 3 awards for the Rising Medal, each given to individual awardees.

(Nomination)

Article 3 The candidates must be nominated as follows.

- (1) Any individual who is qualified to evaluate the nominee’s accomplishments can nominate the candidate, regardless of membership in the Society or being Japanese or non-Japanese.
- (2) For the nomination, the nominator must submit the Nomination Letter in a fixed format together with a Supporting Letter written by someone other than the nominator to the Heinrich Rohrer Medal award committee. During the selection process, the nominator must submit other necessary documents as demanded by the award committee.

(Selection)

Article 4 Of the nominated candidates, The Heinrich Rohrer Medal award committee must select and recommend a limited number of award candidates as stipulated in Article 2 in the year in which International Symposium on Surface Science is held.

2. The Executive Board shall decide the awardee on the basis of the reports received of the selection results.

(Awards)

Article 5 Awards shall be a medal, a certificate, and prize money.

(Awarding presentation)

Article 6 The award shall be presented, in collaboration with Embassy of Switzerland in Japan, at the International Symposium on Surface Science.

(Exhibition of the award achievements)

Article 7 The awardees shall deliver lectures or talks on the achievements leading to the award at the International Symposium on Surface Science.

(Bylaw)

Article 8 The methods of nomination and selection may be defined, if necessary, in bylaws enacted separately.

(Amendment and abolition)

Article 9 The amendment and abolition of this Regulation shall be resolved by the Executive Board of the Society.

Supplementary Provision

This Regulation shall be put into effect from February 1, 2014, and implemented from the same day.