

Statutes of the "Feng Zengzhao Palaeogeography Award" of International Society of Palaeogeography

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Chapter I General Provisions

Article 1 These Statutes are enacted to fully stimulate the innovation vitality of professionals in palaeogeography worldwide, and to promote scientific and technological progress, talent training, and disciplinary development in the field.

Article 2 The award is named the "Feng Zengzhao Palaeogeography Award", which is guided by the principles of honoring knowledge, talent, and innovation. The award aims to serve economic and social development through scientific and technological innovation by recognizing individuals who have made outstanding contributions to basic research, applied fundamental studies, technological development, and public science education in palaeogeography.

Article 3 The International Society of Palaeogeography is the founding body of the "Feng Zengzhao Palaeogeography Award" and is solely responsible for its administration.

Article 4 The "Feng Zengzhao Paleogeography Award" is primarily honorary in nature, and the certificate thereof shall be uniformly issued by the International Society of Palaeogeography.

Article 5 The "Feng Zengzhao Palaeogeography Award" is selected every two years. The principles of openness, fairness, and impartiality are rigorously upheld throughout the entire process of recommendation, review, and award conferral.

Article 6 The scope and recipients: individuals worldwide who have made outstanding contributions to palaeogeographic research.

Chapter II Award Settings

Article 7 The "Feng Zengzhao Palaeogeography Award" includes the following two categories:

- (1) "Feng Zengzhao Outstanding Contribution Award in Palaeogeography";
- (2) "Feng Zengzhao Young Scientist Award in Palaeogeography".

Article 8 The "Feng Zengzhao Outstanding Contribution Award in Palaeogeography" is awarded to science and technology workers who have made distinguished contributions to basic research, applied fundamental studies, applied research, and demonstration and promotion of new technologies in palaeogeography.

The award shall be conferred upon one to two individuals per award cycle, and it is a lifelong honor and shall not be conferred more than once upon the same individual.

Article 9 "Feng Zengzhao Young Scientist Award in Palaeogeography" is awarded to outstanding young science and technology workers who have achieved innovative achievements or made outstanding contributions in palaeogeographical research, public science education, as well as promotion and transformation of scientific and technological achievements. Candidates shall be under the age of 45(December 31 of the year of evaluation).

The Award" shall be conferred upon two to five individuals per award cycle and shall not be conferred more than once upon the same individual.

Chapter III Organizational Structure

Article 10 The International Society of Palaeogeography shall establish a Review Committee for the "Feng Zengzhao Palaeogeography Award". The Chair and members of the committee shall be appointed by the Council upon the recommendation of the Secretariat;

Article 11 The Review Committee is the reviewing body of the "Feng Zengzhao Palaeogeography Award", with the main responsibilities as follows:

- (1) To be responsible for the evaluation of the award;
- (2) To report the evaluation results to the Council.

Article 12 The Review Committee shall have one chair, two vice-chairs, and a number of members.

Chapter IV Acceptance Methods

Article 13 The "Feng Zengzhao Palaeogeography Award" shall operate under a nomination system. Any individual applying for the Award must be recommended by a qualified institution (hereinafter referred to as the "nominating institution").

Article 14 Nominating institutions include professional committees, working committees, and governing units affiliated to the International Society of Palaeogeography.

Article 15 Application and Recommendation Submission Materials:

- (1) Award Recommendation Form;
- (2) Relevant supporting materials.

Article 16 Application and Recommendation Procedures:

- (1) The nominating institution shall conduct a formal review of the application materials and organize experts for preliminary evaluation;
- (2) The nominating institution shall announce the preliminary evaluation results and submit the qualified application materials to the Review Committee.

Chapter V Review Mechanism

Article 17 Review Procedures:

- (1)** The Review Committee shall review the awards recommended by the nominating institutions and submit the review results to the Council;
- (2)** The Council shall be responsible for reviewing and approving the review results submitted by the Review Committee;
- (3)** The award results shall be publicized to the society by the ISP, which shall accept objections and complaints and handle them accordingly.

Article 18 Review Methods:

- (1)** The award consists of two stages: preliminary evaluation and final review. The preliminary evaluation is generally conducted through correspondence review. The final review produces the results by means of open ballot voting by the members of the review committee;
- (2)** The voting of the Review Committee shall be attended by more than two-thirds (including two-thirds) of the members. The review results shall be valid only if approved by more than half (including half) of the voting members, and the candidates to be awarded shall be determined according to the number of the votes obtained.

Article 19 The review of the "Feng Zengzhao Palaeogeography Award" of the International Society of Palaeogeography shall implement a withdrawal system. Candidates shall not be appointed as members of the Review Committee for the current session.

Chapter VI Objection Handling

Article 20 The "Feng Zengzhao Palaeogeography Award" of the International Society of Palaeogeography accepts social supervision. Any institution or individual may file a formal objections regarding the awarded candidates or their accomplishments and submit the materials to the Secretariat of the Society during the publicity period of the review results, and any such objections must be grounded in factual evidence.

Article 21 Objections are divided into substantive objections and non-substantive objections. Substantive objections refer to those raised against the inaccurate filling of the Recommendation Form.

Article 22 Substantive objections shall be investigated and handled by the nominating institution, and all parties involved in the objection shall actively cooperate. Non-substantive objections shall be coordinated and handled by the applying unit.

The nominating institution shall report the handling result of the objection to the Secretariat of the Society. If no agreement is reached on the objection or the handling result is not submitted within the specified time, the award qualification of the corresponding award shall be cancelled.

Article 23 Withdrawal Mechanism:

(1) Before the review by the Review Committee, the recommended candidates may withdraw from the review upon application by the nominating institution and approval by the Review Committee;

(2) The consent of the awardee shall be obtained before the publicity of the award review results, and the application for revocation of the individual to be awarded shall not be accepted after the publicity.

Chapter VII Penalty Provisions

Article 24 Whoever secures or attempts to secure the "Feng Zengzhao Palaeogeography Award" through academic misconduct including plagiarism shall be disqualified from the current award cycle if the award has not been granted, or shall have the award revoked with public notification and be barred from applying for the next two consecutive sessions if the award has been granted.

Article 25 Where a recommending unit provides false data or materials, or assists others in fraudulently obtaining the Feng Zengzhao Paleogeography Award, the International Society of Paleogeography shall issue a public reprimand and disqualify the unit from making recommendations for two consecutive award cycles.

Article 26 Personnel participating in the review and organization of the "Palaeogeography Award" of the International Society of Palaeogeography who engages in fraud or irregularities for personal gain shall be given corresponding sanctions by the International Society of Palaeogeography.

Chapter VIII Supplementary Provisions

Article 27 These Statutes shall be interpreted by the International Society of Palaeogeography.

Article 28 These Statutes shall come into force on the date of issuance.