

CHES Policy for Test-of-Time Award

(based on IACR Policy for Test-of-Time Awards for General Conferences)

A Test-of-Time Award is given yearly.

1 Eligibility

To be eligible for the award given in year X, a paper must have been published at (T)CHES in years X-21 to X-19. Papers authored or co-authored by current members of the award committee are not eligible to receive the award that year.

2 Criteria

The Test-of-Time award recognizes papers that have had a lasting impact on the field with respect to academia and/or industry.

3 Nomination

Any person, including members of the award committee, can nominate a paper for the award. Nominations should come with a short justification why the paper should receive the award by providing number of citations, describing influence in industry, etc. in a max. 2 pages document.

4 Selection

The selection is performed by a Test-of-Time Award Committee. The committee will implement its selection autonomously, and no further instructions are given beyond what is stated in this document.

5 Number of awards

Usually one paper will receive the award (exceptions are possible with approval of the chair of the CHES steering committee).

6 Committee

A Test-of-Time award committee will decide on the award. Its composition changes yearly. The committee for the award given in year X consists of five members:

- Two members appointed by the CHES steering committee. They serve for two years in a rolling model, i.e. every year one of them is replaced.
- These two further invite three members: two are ideally program committee chairs or members from years X-21 to X-19; one is ideally from industry; they serve for one year.

7 Committee chair

The member appointed by the CHES steering committee that serves the second year chairs the award committee. She/he is responsible for organizing the selection process and announcing how nominations may be submitted.

8 Ceremony

The Test-of-Time award will be presented at the conference. It is not foreseen to have a corresponding technical talk or a paper in the proceedings/journal.