

# The Carlos Jaschek Memorial Award 2026



SEAC (Société Européenne pour l'Astronomie dans la Culture / European society for Astronomy in Culture) has established an award to encourage research concerning the relationships between astronomy and culture. The award is named to commemorate the outstanding contributions of Carlos Jaschek, an emeritus professor of the University of Strasbourg (France) who died April 1999, director of the Strasbourg Observatory and creator of the information centre for stellar data. He was a well-known astrophysicist who worked mainly with stellar physics and the taxonomy of stellar spectra.

In 1992 the Société Européenne pour l'Astronomie dans la Culture (SEAC) was founded during a preparatory meeting in Strasbourg, later called [SEAC 0](#). The society adopted its statutes at the next and first regular meeting of the society in Smolyan, Bulgaria. Since then, the SEAC conferences have been held on an annual basis.

Carlos Jaschek dedicated himself to stimulating innovative concepts and methods that would serve to open up new understandings of the many and deep interactions between astronomy and culture. He therefore strived to create an interdisciplinary and multicultural dialogue among researchers from all over the world. His efforts became the basis of the work of SEAC.

This Award was instituted in 2006, by the General Assembly of SEAC at Rhodes, Greece.

## **Description**

This Award is intended to honour the following achievements at the crossroads of astronomy and culture:

- new concepts and methods or fieldwork in the categories mentioned below,
- interdisciplinary approaches,
- advanced understandings of the interactions of astronomy and culture through time,
- contributions to a systematic substantiation of cultural astronomy,
- outstanding presentations of well-known topics in teaching.

The work of the nominees should demonstrate originality and high quality and should be a significant contribution to research in the field. The award may be given with the main focus on the following categories, respecting an interdisciplinary approach to astronomy and:

- history,
- archaeology,
- anthropology,
- psychology,
- sociology,
- politics,
- ethnology,
- art,
- religion.

## **Value of the Award**

The award consists of a first place prize, which includes a sum of money (€ 500 at present) together with an inscribed medal and a certificate of recognition. The award will be given every two years. It will be presented at the SEAC conference in the year in which it is given. The value of the award is to be shared if the outstanding achievement can be clearly shown to be the result of a collaborative or team effort. Award winners will be notified by e-mail and will be expected to attend the presentation ceremony. Winners who are in need of financial assistance in order to attend the SEAC conference and present their work may apply for a travel grant from the SEAC Award Committee.

## **Eligibility**

The award is open to any person holding an academic degree and engaged in interdisciplinary research with respect to cultural astronomy and another relevant field. There are no other restrictions, however, given the process of the handling of the nominations, neither the current president nor the secretary of SEAC can be nominated.

## **Nomination**

A formal call for nominations in a given year is normally published by all available media after the SEAC conference of the previous year. The deadline for submitting nominations is set by the General Assembly of SEAC or the SEAC Executive Committee. All nominations will be acknowledged.

Nominations may be made by any member of SEAC or, in special cases, by the SEAC Award Committee itself. Those making nominations must have personal knowledge of the achievements and contributions of the nominee. Only one candidate can be submitted by each nominator. Self-

nominations will not be considered. The SEAC Award Committee reserves the right to seek further nominations.

The research of the nominee must be already completed. The nominee's work must have been published or accepted for publication in the four years previous to the year in which the nomination is made. However, the Award Committee might accept life contributions to the field if this is well justified. The nominators must submit their expert opinion on the merits of the nominee's work according to the details and the format specified below. Only those nominations signed by the supporters and received by the SEAC Award Committee by the deadline will be considered.

### **Details concerning nominees and nominators**

The supporting documents should be signed by the nominator and submitted in electronic form to the SEAC secretary. It must contain the following details:

#### **Nominee**

- Title, full name, and date of birth,
- Address (home and place of employment),
- Current and, if appropriate, former employment,
- Contact information: telephone and e-mail,
- Academic qualifications,
- Curriculum Vitae of maximum four A4 pages of text or about 4000 characters.

#### **Nominator**

- Title and full name,
- Current employment,
- Address (home and place of employment),
- Contact information: telephone and e-mail,
- Major scientific achievements on which the nomination is based: Please provide a list of not more than four publications or other written material that best describe the nominated achievement(s), and any relevant citations. If collaborative works are amongst these publications, it is necessary that either the contributions of each author are stated in the publication itself, or that the nominator specifies this information in the application,
- Any other information pertaining to the scientific excellence of the nominee,
- An abstract describing the achievement suitable for publicity purposes,
- A reference on the nominated achievement and the accompanying material from the nominator,
- An original signature of the nominator, duly dated.

Not more than six pages of typed information, double-spaced on A4 paper or 4000 characters, are required.

### **Disclaimer**

The deliberations of the SEAC Award Committee and its advisers will remain confidential. Nominations for the award will be formally considered by the SEAC Award Committee. The Committee will consist of three to five members, who are elected by the General Assembly of SEAC each year after the nomination period has closed or by the SEAC EC. When necessary, external

reviewers will be obtained. Under special circumstances, the SEAC Award Committee reserves the right to ask for the nominee's response to questions. The Committee reserves the right to make no award if there is no candidate of sufficient merit. All material received by the SEAC Award Committee from nominators, supporters or any other source is accepted with the understanding that such material can be used in preparing publicity announcements concerning the winners of the award. All decisions taken and recommendations made by the SEAC Award Committee shall be binding and final, and no correspondence will be entered into on such matters.

### **List of award winners (2008–2024)**

2008: Michael Hoskin (UK)  
2010: Clive Ruggles (UK)  
2012: Juan Belmonte Aviles (Spain)  
2014: Kim Malville (USA)  
2016: Fabio Silva (Portugal / UK)  
2018: Stanisław Iwaniszewski (Poland / México)  
2020: Ivan Šprajc (Slovenia)  
2022: Nicholas Champion (UK)  
2024: Frank Prendergast (IRL)

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**The deadline for nominations is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**