

RECOGNITION OF HISTORICAL LANDMARKS REPRESENTATIVE OF CHEMISTRY IN THE CATALAN-SPEAKING TERRITORIES

Second edition

Award instituted in 2021

There are many sites across Europe that are associated with important scientific developments or events. However, few are identified with the field of chemistry. In this context, the *Societat Catalana de Química* (Catalan Society of Chemistry) wants to recognize those historical sites representative of chemistry in the Catalan-speaking territories.

This recognition aims to:

- Identify, disseminate and highlight the sites (buildings, laboratories, universities, industries, institutions, cities, mines, manufactures...) of our country where important developments or events in the field of chemistry have taken place. Placing a plaque commemorating the merits of the site will promote its recognition.
- Reinforce in today's chemists their sense of belonging to these territories and remind them that, in relation to the history of chemistry, communication between people has been essential for the forging, circulation and sharing of ideas and projects.
- Contribute to increasing knowledge among the general public of how chemistry has become part of our cultural heritage, of the history of the country and how it has affected the development of our society.

The award is presented annually and only one site will be recognized in each edition. The recognition will consist in unveiling a commemorative plaque at the site to provide evidence of its relevance in the field of chemistry.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

1. The nominations must be made on behalf of local institutions related to a historical site representative of chemistry in the Catalan-speaking territories.
2. The historical nature of the site must be documented and the role of chemistry must be of proven relevance. The historical significance of the site cannot be related to a person currently living.
3. Nominations should be submitted online by accessing an application form at <https://cutt.ly/6zZOmi3> and attaching the following documents:
 - a. A declaration of commitment signed by the manager/president/authority of the institution proposing the nomination.¹
 - b. A concise description of the proposed site (attaching no more than two images of the site), the historical role and territorial dimension of the candidature and, as well, the specific impact of the proposed site on the development of chemistry.²
 - c. Support letters from the proponent institution and from other local organizations supporting the nomination (town councils/city councils, NGOs, social institutions, companies...)³
 - d. Additional information should be submitted, if necessary.⁴

Evidence of the online submission must be sent to premis@iec.cat -with a copy to scq@iec.cat- with the subject title: "Reconeixement Emplaçaments Històrics Química."

¹ This declaration must set out the commitment to the requirements detailed in sections 6 and 7 of the Terms and Conditions of the Award.

(Maximum 3000 characters with spaces).

² Please provide a concise description of the proposed site, including its geolocation, and no more than two images.

Please feel free to include references for further information.

(Maximum 1500 characters with spaces)

Indicate the historical role and territorial scope of the site.

Please feel free to include references for further information.

(Maximum 3000 characters with spaces)

Describe the impact of the site on the development of chemistry.

Please feel free to include references for further information.

(Maximum 3000 characters with spaces)

³ Please attach the declaration of support from local organizations to the nomination.

⁴ Please feel free to include references for further information.

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4. The Board of the SCQ will propose the composition of the award jury that will decide on the nominations. This jury reserves the right to declare the award null.
5. The SCQ will provide the recognition plaque, written in Catalan, and will be responsible for its installation at the site. The text of the plaque will include the reference: "*Societat Catalana de Química - Institut d'Estudis Catalans*" (Catalan Society of Chemistry - Institute of Catalan Studies).
6. The representatives of the site receiving the award will be responsible, jointly with the SCQ, for the organization of the ceremony of the unveiling of the plaque.
7. Communication materials and activities (such as brochures, media participation...) providing information about the recognition of the site and the plaque unveiling event, must be jointly prepared and organized by the representatives of the institution receiving the award and the SCQ. These promotional materials must be written in Catalan and addressed to the general public as well as teachers and students.
8. The plaque must be situated in a place easily and directly accessible to the general public.
9. Representatives of the institution receiving the award will be responsible for the maintenance of the plaque, keeping it in a decent condition.
10. Deadline for the submission of nominations: 31st March 2022.
11. Deadline for the resolution of the jury: 15th June 2022.
12. The ceremony of the unveiling of the plaque will take place in the second half of 2022, between September and December.

Link to "catalan version:"

https://scq.iec.cat/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Bases_reconeixement_emplacament_quimica_formulari_2a_conv2022.pdf