Ecma Fellow award program and Emeritus membership policy

The Ecma Fellow award program and the Emeritus membership policy have been established to recognize contributions by individuals to the development of standards and the benefit of the ICT and consumer electronics industries.

Art. 1
Purpose

The Ecma Fellow and its associated Emeritus membership are part of an award program to recognize selected Ecma individuals who have served Ecma for a long time in an exceptionally outstanding fashion. Ecma grants those individuals the status of “Ecma Fellow” who, if they choose to, would be able at no cost continue to participate in Ecma work as Emeritus members.

Art. 2
Eligibility

2.1
The Ecma fellowship award is a rare and prestigious distinction given to exceptional technologists, futurists, whose contributions shape both Ecma and our Industry as a whole.

2.2
An Ecma Fellow award is granted for life. The Ecma GA has the right to withdraw a Fellow award in the event of a severe violation of the Ecma policies.

2.3
The Ecma fellowship is granted to experts who have made outstanding technical contributions over several years.

Art. 3
Emeritus membership

3.1
The Ecma Fellow award includes an Emeritus membership (without voting rights) in the TC that submitted the nomination of the candidate (or its successor) for a duration of 10 years.
3.2 The TC can submit a request to the GA to renew the Emeritus membership for another period of 10 years.

3.3 If the Ecma Fellow, in her/his Emeritus member capacity, chooses to participate and contribute to a standardization project in a TC, then the Ecma Fellow shall commit to license all relevant essential patents they own related to that project of the TC on a RF basis.

3.4 The Emeritus member irrevocably grants Ecma International the right to use her/his contributions, in part or whole, whether adapted or not, that are submitted to Ecma International, for Ecma International's purposes of standardization, while retaining all the rights that the Emeritus member may have on those contributions.

**Art. 4**

**Procedure**

4.1 To start the process, a TC approves and submits a nomination proposal to the GA which contains a list of the outstanding contributions and achievements of the candidate with dates and other relevant details.

4.2 The proposal for an Ecma Fellowship award and its associated Emeritus membership is submitted to the approval of the GA.

4.3 The list of Ecma Fellows shall appear in the award section of the Ecma website.

**Art. 5**

**Emeritus member participation in a TC**

5.1 The Emeritus member shall fill in a form (available on the Ecma website and annexed to this policy) if she/he intends to participate and contribute in the standardization work of an Ecma TC.

5.2 If the Emeritus member form has not been filled in and signed by the Ecma Fellow/Emeritus member, she/he will not be able to participate and contribute in the standardization work of an Ecma TC.