

Bylaws of the Jury for the Adolf Goetzberger Prize

- 1) The Adolf Goetzberger Prize was established in 2024 by the Board of Trustees of the Adolf Goetzberger Foundation (BoTAG). The prize is intended to recognize scientific, technical, social, or entrepreneurial achievements in the field of solar energy development and the integration of renewable energy systems that demonstrate a visionary approach or implementation. It is primarily a European prize, though it is not exclusively limited to European citizens.
- 2) The award is presented at regular intervals, preferably to an individual. The award cannot be presented posthumously.
- 3) This schedule is linked to an annual event organized by the Solar Promotion Group, where the prize is presented during a formal ceremony.
- 4) The recipient of the Adolf Goetzberger Prize is selected by the jury.
- 5) The Board of Trustees of the Adolf Goetzberger Foundation selects the members of the jury and makes the necessary amendments to the bylaws to ensure the selection of the jury and suitable candidates on a long-term basis.
- 6) The jury consists of:
 - (a) at least 5 individuals, who may be supplemented in pairs to ensure an odd number,
 - (b) members of the BoTAG may also be appointed as jury members.
- 7) One of the jury members chairs the jury. He or she must be elected by the members of the jury.
- 8) Every decision of the jury must be made by a majority vote of all participating members. Meetings and votes may be conducted without physical presence, but the usual rules for information and debate in meetings with physical presence must be observed in all cases. Secret ballots are prohibited for members of the jury.
- 9) The Adolf Goetzberger Prize consists of a certificate containing a brief description of the Adolf Goetzberger Prize. The certificate is signed by two members of the BoTAG and the chair of the jury. The Adolf Goetzberger Prize also comes with a cash award, the amount of which is determined by the BoTAG.
- 10) The award is publicly announced each year at least 6 months before the event, as mentioned in item 3) to invite proposals for new candidates or self-nominations, along with at least one independent supporter. Applications should be sent to Jury@Goetzbergerstiftung.de.

The call for applications should be widely publicized; at a minimum, it should be posted on the website of the event at which the prize is awarded and on the website of the Adolf Goetzberger Foundation. Applications for new candidates must be accompanied by a list of required documents, which is provided by BoTAG and listed on the website.

- 11) After the submission deadline, the jury chair will forward all received applications, including any additional information relevant to the evaluation, to the jury. If a jury member wishes to obtain additional information from a nominee, this request must be

made in writing to the jury chair, who will forward the request to the respective nominee and return the response received.

- 12) Within 3 weeks of receiving the proposals, each jury member makes a selection based on the list of criteria established by BoTAG. The jury chair then convenes a meeting (in person and/or online) during which the jury members discuss the nominations in detail to reach a consensus. Ultimately, the award winner is selected by a majority vote of the jury.
- 13) Candidates who are not selected as winners this year will not be notified. The jury may carry over to the next year's selection round those proposals that receive at least 40% of the jury members' votes (rounded up: with 5 / 7 / 9 / 11 members, 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 votes in favor are required).
The individuals who submitted the nominations selected in this manner will be informed that the nomination will be carried over to the following year. Should there be any changes to the criteria in the meantime, they will be notified so that they have the opportunity to adjust their nomination.
- 14) The award recipient will be informed of his or her selection no later than six weeks before the award ceremony via a letter jointly signed by two BoTAG members and the jury chair. The name of the award recipient will be publicly announced by the Adolf Goetzberger Foundation no later than the day of the award ceremony.
- 15) The format of the award ceremony will be determined and communicated parallel to the notification of the award recipient. At the end of the ceremony, a member of BoTAG will announce the prize amount for the following year.
- 16) A two-thirds majority of BoTAG members is required to amend the rules of procedure.

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Thomas Nordmann
(Chair of BoTAG)



Markus Elsässer
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Dr. Winfried Hoffmann
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