

Dear IGU Colleagues,

On behalf of the IGU Executive Committee, it is my great pleasure to release the call for nomination of candidates for the following four IGU Honors & Awards in 2026.

**The IGU Planet and Humanity Medal**, created to honour individuals (not necessarily geographers) who have made outstanding contributions to peace, human welfare, or sustainability.

**The IGU Lauréat d'Honneur**, established to recognize individuals who have achieved particular distinction or who have rendered outstanding service in the work of the IGU or in international geography.

**The IGU Early Career Award in Geography**, instituted to recognize outstanding, innovative researchers who have completed their education in Geography no more than ten years before their nomination.

**The IGU Award for Distinguished Geographical Practice**, inaugurated to recognize geographers whose work in research, geographical practice, or application is notable for its impacts on society and outstanding engagement and collaboration with diverse non-academic communities.

Nominations of candidates for all the IGU Honors & Awards in 2026, to be announced and presented at the 2026 IGU Regional Conference in Istanbul, Türkiye, must be made on the forms attached. The completed form should be e-mailed to the Chair of the IGU Honours and Awards Committee, dr Joos Droogleever Fortuijn, Netherlands, at [j.c.droogleeverfortuijn@uva.nl](mailto:j.c.droogleeverfortuijn@uva.nl) to arrive no later than **15 January 2026**. A brief resume for the nominee (no more than five pages) should be submitted at the same time.

Sincerely Yours,

Michael E Meadows

IGU Past President and Executive Committee member liaising with the IGU Honors and Awards Committee