

**Stockholm Convention  
on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

**The Polychlorinated Biphenyls  
Elimination Network (PEN)**



# Call for Nominations for the 2011 Stockholm Convention's PEN Awards

The Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention requests nominations for the 2011 Stockholm Convention's PEN Awards.

The purpose of these awards is to honour outstanding achievements in the environmentally-sound management of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).



Awards will be handed out during the Fifth Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention. All members of the PCBs Elimination Network (PEN) are eligible for nomination and have the opportunity to receive the awards.

The Secretariat accepts nominations by PEN members until **11 March 2011**.

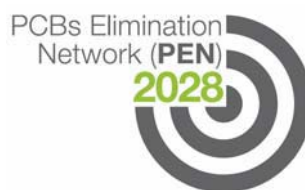
Up to seven awards will be selected by combining electronic voting on the PEN Information Network (<http://networking.pops.int>) by PEN members and a vote by members of the Advisory Committee of the PEN.

One additional award will be selected by the Secretariat. The procedures for nomination and selection of awardees are described in this paper. More details can be found in the terms of reference of the award function in the report of the second meeting of the Advisory Committee.

Please send all nomination material to the PEN Secretary:  
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#### Objectives

The Stockholm Convention's PEN Awards are offered to stimulate PEN members to strive for greater success in managing PCBs in an environmentally sound manner and to provide a programme through which those who have made significant efforts are rewarded.

The PEN Awards are also expected to increase awareness of the PCBs problem and to attract new members to the PEN.



#### What Awards will be given?

Up to eight awards will be attributed as follows:

- Four awards on thematic areas: one awardee will be selected from each of the four thematic areas: (i) inventories of PCBs; (ii) maintenance, handling, and interim storage of equipment containing PCBs; (iii) disposal of PCBs, and (iv) open application of PCBs;
- Up to two awards on cross-cutting activities such as outreach and capacity building;
- One award for participation in the online information exchange network;
- One Secretariat's award.

#### Who is eligible and how are candidates nominated?

Any member of the PEN is eligible to nominate and to be nominated. You can become a PEN member by filling in the membership form available at the [PEN membership web page](#).

If an individual has made a significant contribution to PCBs management as part of his or her work for an institution, the award may be given to the institution. The institution shall identify a representative to receive the award.

Candidates are nominated by filling the attached nomination form and sending it to the Secretariat before **11 March 2011**.

#### How will the Awards be selected?

Awards on thematic areas and cross-cutting issues will be selected by combining a voting of all PEN members and a voting by members of the Advisory Committee, whereby the combined votes of all PEN members has the same weight as the combined votes of the Advisory Committee members.

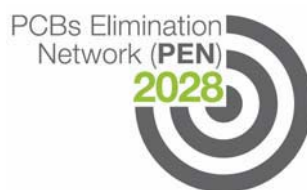
Nominations will be published on the PEN information exchange network as well as on the website of the Convention and PEN members will be informed by the Secretariat via e-mail.

One award will be selected through the ranking system on the PEN information networking tool and one awardee will be selected by the Secretariat.

PEN members will receive an invitation to vote on **15 March 2011**.

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#### Selection criteria for the awards

The nominee should have recently made:

- an outstanding contribution to the environmentally sound management of PCBs
- exemplary progress using internal domestic resources through local resource mobilization or demonstrated:
  - an innovative approach with good success
  - successful South-South or North-South Cooperation
  - involvement of stakeholders such as affected populations or civil society
  - effective and sustainable knowledge or technology transfer

#### Tips for a strong nomination package

Think carefully about the nomination justification statement and make sure that it presents clearly and specifically what the candidate is being nominated for and what has been accomplished that is outstanding. Choose supporting materials directly relevant to the contributions for which the candidate is being nominated.



#### The awarding ceremony

The awards will be given at the awarding ceremony organized by the Secretariat on the evening of Monday 25 April 2011 in conjunction with the Fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, to be held in Geneva.

Travel and daily subsistence allowance will be made available to awardees from developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

#### The timeline for nominations and selection of awardees

nominations by PEN members	voting by web-tools and email	selection finalized	Awards Ceremony
17 Jan to <b>11 March</b>	15 March to 1 April	by 5 April 2011	25 April 2011