



EHFCN announces the first EHFCN Excellence Award !

At the occasion of the 2009 European Healthcare Fraud and Corruption Network's (EHFCN) Annual Conference, the first EHFCN Excellence Award will be granted by the EHFCN Executive Committee (Award Committee) to an organisation or individual who has proven excellence in the field of countering fraud and/or corruption in the healthcare sector by means of a particular action or initiative.

The Award aims to stimulate best practices in counter fraud and counter corruption activities in healthcare and to promote the work of EHFCN by recognising a particular action or initiative in a manner that deserves credit and constitutes a tangible contribution to the promotion of the goals of EHFCN.

The prize is non monetary and consists of the EHFCN Excellence Trophy, a European-wide press release on the Award winning entity and an announcement on the EHFCN Website.

EHFCN Excellence Award Rules

Eligible Nominees

Nominees must meet the following requirements:

1. The nominees must have undertaken an action that is likely to significantly influence, or to have had a significant impact on, existing levels of fraud and/or corruption in healthcare in his or her respective country or region.
2. The action should be one likely to attract interest and emulation in other parts of Europe.
3. The action must be particularly imaginative, innovative and effective and deserving of wide international recognition.

Ineligible Nominees

The following categories of nominees will not be considered for the EHFCN Excellence Award:

1. Individuals or organisations of questionable integrity or goals.
2. Members of the EHFCN Executive Committee and salaried staff of the EHFCN Office while serving in those capacities.

Nomination Procedure

1. Nominations may be made by any persons or organisations in accordance with the provision of these rules by 31 August 2009 at the latest. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
2. Individuals and organisations are encouraged where possible to submit proposals to be considered for the Excellence Award.
3. It will be open for the Executive Committee itself to make nominations.
4. Nominations submitted by salaried staff of the EHFCO will not be permitted.

Nomination File:

To be eligible for consideration, a nomination form must be completed, including the following:

- personal details of the nominee, including a short curriculum vitae or synopsis (250 words);
- a statement making the case for the nomination and setting out in approximately 500 words the reason why the nominee should receive an award;
- written consent from the nominee.

Incomplete nomination files cannot be considered by the Award Committee.

False or deceptive nominations or acts may render a nominee ineligible.

The EHFCN Office Manager will check if the nomination files are complete, acknowledge receipt of the files and forward the nomination files to the members of the Award Committee.

The Award Committee will then duly evaluate the nomination files.

In all matters connected with the Award, the decision of the Award Committee is final.

Prerogatives of the Award Committee

The Award Committee has the right to:

1. Decide whether a nominee serves the goals of EHFCN or whether the means used by the nominee meet EHFCN standards;
2. Ask the nominator or an appropriate party for additional information to be attached to the nomination file; to make such further enquiries as it sees fit and to decline to consider a nomination where the information provided is, in its opinion, insufficient;
3. Organise, in exceptional cases, a visit to the nominee's country to verify the accuracy of information submitted or to obtain necessary additional evidence.
4. Decline to make any awards in the absence of a suitable nominee.

5. Withdraw an award should the winner act in a manner that compromises the integrity or reputation of the EHFCN and the Excellence Award and to give specific reasons for any such action.

Conflict of Interest

Members of the Award Committee will refrain from voting on a particular nomination where a conflict of interest may arise.

General Disclosure

All nominations become the property of EHFCN. By submitting a nomination, EHFCN is granted the right to use the name, voice and image of a nominee, without compensation, for the purpose of advertising and publicising all matters related to the Excellence Award programme and award ceremony in any medium, worldwide.

The winner(s) is responsible for obtaining all proper documentation (visa, passport etc.) in order to travel to the award ceremony.

Privacy Policy

The Excellence Award nomination process is carried out in compliance with applicable laws on data privacy protection and data security. EHFCN will not collect, store or use any personal data without the nominee's knowledge and consent. The nominee(s) may revoke this consent at any time by writing to office@ehfcn.org. Personal data is collected only for the purpose of the nomination and will be disclosed only to the members of the Excellence Award Committee.

Announcement of results

The results of the Excellence Award will be announced in September 2009. The Award will be presented at the EHFCN Annual Conference in Edinburgh (Scotland, UK) on 6 October 2009.

Examples of award

Some examples of actions eligible to be awarded include:

- Realisations (cases) in one or more of the specific counter fraud activities (ie "the holistic approach"): measurement, prevention, deterrence, detection, investigation, prosecution, sanction and redress.

The outcome of these actions should have a high return on investment and an important impact on behaviour. Media attention drawn is a plus.



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- Counter fraud or counter corruption projects with national and/or (preferably) international impact. These projects should either be of organisational, methodological or of intrinsic importance for the fight against fraud and corruption in healthcare.
- Publications with high practical relevance for the counter fraud specialists in Europe.
- Training programmes implementing international standards in countering fraud and corruption in healthcare.