



Distinguished Diplomate Selection
Procedure

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Purpose: The Institute may recognize Fellows of the Institute who have made outstanding contributions to the field of hazardous materials management and the IHMM Mission by conferring the following honorary designation:

Distinguished Diplomate

1. The Institute Board of Directors considers candidates for the Distinguished Diplomates program no more than twice within a single calendar year.
2. The Institute's Board of Directors can designate Distinguished Diplomates by a two-thirds vote.
3. The "Distinguished Diplomate" designation may be awarded only to Fellows of the Institute who have contributed noticeable and substantively to the fields of hazardous materials management, **dangerous goods transportation, environment, health and safety**, and the overall IHMM Mission.

Acts that may qualify include:

- a. Founding of a significant element of an IHMM Credential Program or non-competing hazardous materials, **dangerous goods, environmental, health and safety** organization or program;
 - b. Organizing or leading a major hazardous materials management, **dangerous goods, environmental, health, and safety** program to successful completion;
 - c. Long-standing devotion with notable contributions to the communities of practice of IHMM;
 - d. Originating or leading a breakthrough in hazardous materials management, **dangerous goods, environmental, health, and safety**, or other such acts deemed worthy of such recognition.
4. Must be in good standing with the IHMM (current on recertification and all fees, etc.)
 5. No more than two Distinguished Diplomates may be designated within a single calendar year.
 6. Nominees must have been certified for at least fifteen years and be nominated by two current Directors.
 7. Distinguished Diplomates will receive wall plaques and lapel pins indicating their designation and will be listed as such on the IHMM website.
 8. Distinguished Diplomates will be exempt from all Institute fees.