

Based on the Legal Notice 182 of 2017 – Malta Government Gazette No. 19,818 – 30 June 2017 EDUCATION ACT (CAP. 327), and the request of Dr. Lidija Pecotic, Founder and Director of EAPTI GPTIM, on the Board meeting of EAPTI GPTIM at 10.01.2022, the following was decided:

GUIDELINES FOR HONORARY DEGREE PROCEDURES

Article I. Criteria and guidelines

Honorary degrees are awarded to individuals who have made substantial and meritorious contributions to EAPTI GPTIM, society, and their profession in such a way as to have enlarged human understanding and enriched human life. An honorary doctorate acknowledges that the recipient deserves to be recognized for their unsurpassed abilities and contributions due to life's learning and experiences. Recognize those who have made profound and enduring contributions to scholarship, culture, and improved quality of life in society. Achievements of national or international significance deserve priority consideration. Recipients must be persons of great integrity, as our choices reflect our values as an institution. Declared candidates running for public office are not appropriate nominees for honorary degrees. Honorary degrees may not be conferred in absentia.

Article II. Titles of honorary degrees available for conferral

Honorary Master in Gestalt Therapy
Honorary Doctorate in Gestalt Therapy

Article III. Process for nominations

Nominations for candidates may come from various sources, including individual faculty members of the training programs of EAPTI GPTIM and the Director of EAPTI GPTIM. Nominations should be submitted to the President of the EAPTI GPTIM Board three months before the commencement of the honorary degrees.

Initial nominations should briefly summarise the individual's accomplishments and reason for considering the individual for an honorary degree. After initial consideration, the Board of EAPTI GPTIM may request additional material supporting a nomination. The initial nomination should:

- Be signed by the proposer(s);
- Briefly describe the individual's accomplishments, including contributions to society, culture, profession, science, and
- If available, include a brief biography of the person.

Additional letters supporting the nomination may be included.

Article IV. Review, selection, and notification

Up to five finalists at the time will be proposed to the Board of EAPTI GPTIM.

The President will select the nominations to present to the Board of EAPTI GPTIM.

Only the Board of EAPTI GPTIM is authorized to award honorary degrees. Only after action by the Board of EAPTI GPTIM should the nominee be informed of the honor. The President will coordinate this process.

Article V. Confidentiality

Every effort will ensure that individual nominations and discussions of nominees are confidential throughout the process. No publicity will be issued about the nominees until the Board of EAPTI GPTIM approves it.

Article VI. Promotion

The promotion of the honorary title is chaired by the founder and President of EAPTI GPTIM during the promotion ceremony.

Article VII. Diploma Content

The content of the Diploma of Honorary Degrees is as follows:

- Who nominated the candidate
- Decision of reward of honorary degree with a short explanation
- Date of the promotion

The President of EAPTI GPTIM signs the awarded diploma as an honorary degree.

Article VIII

EAPTI GPTIM is obliged to have an evidence list of all awarded honorary degrees.

Article IX Terms of denunciation

The Holder of the Honorary Master or Doctorate in Gestalt Psychotherapy could lose the honorary title in case of ethical severe or another kind of misconduct. The process of denunciation goes through identical steps to the process of granting the honorary title.

It is recommended that the holder lists the Honorary degrees as an award rather than in the education section and that the holder *refrains* from adopting the misleading title “Dr” before their name with the broader community. The person receiving the title of an honorary doctorate in Gestalt therapy can use the abbreviation D.Psych(GT)Hon. The person receiving the title of honorary master in Gestalt therapy can use the abbreviations M.Psych (Gt) Hon.

Article X

This Guideline is active from the decision date.