The Georges Garel Award was instituted by IFAN in 1979 in commemoration of its first president Mr. Georges Garel. The award is bestowed upon persons who in the opinion of the IFAN Board have rendered exceptional service to the international community of standards users.

WHO
a person and not an organisation.
The person may be:
- An IFAN member
- Someone who promotes the values of IFAN ie the use and value of standards even though he/she is not a member
- Someone who is or has been important for IFAN and its development

WHAT
- A framed award signed by the president of IFAN
- A copy of the George Garel Biography
- An article in the IFAN Newsletter and website
- An article in ISO Focus and the IEC newsletter

WHEN and WHERE
Every year
The person who gets the award should get it soon after the positive action(s) for IFAN
The award is formally attributed during the MA or at the start of the social event.

WHY
- Always important for the person awarded
- Incentive for the others
- It participates in the IFAN communication actions

Past Recipients
1978 Georges Garel (France)
1980 Robert Feilden (United Kingdom)
1980 Raymond E. Monahan (USA)
1983 Pierre Ailleret (France)
1985 Olle Sturen (Sweden)
1986 George Orton (United Kingdom)
1986 Donald L. Peyton (USA)
1989 Helmut Reihlen (Germany)
1992 Leendert van Rooij (Netherlands)
1995 J.M.L. Gavin (United Kingdom)
2003 Christian Favre (Switzerland)
2003 Gerhard Senk (Germany)
2004 Veit Ghiladi (Germany)
2007 Ziva Patir (Israel)
2007 Jonathan David (United Kingdom)
2009 Evgueni Patrikeev (Russian Federation, Switzerland)
2013 Laura Hitchcock (USA)
2017 Neil Reeve (Netherlands and UK)