

## **GEWEX Ambassadorship**

Through 30 years of efforts, GEWEX has substantially contributed to the development of our understanding of the water and energy cycles of the Earth system (See Stephens et al. 2022). To honor our colleagues who have made this international program possible, two distinctions are proposed.

## **GEWEX Ambassadors**

To honor colleagues who have contributed a significant amount of their time and energy to GEWEX and who can continue to promote GEWEX in the broadest sense; e.g., encourage other colleagues to be part of the GEWEX community, keep funders and stakeholders abreast of the latest developments when opportunity arises and represent the GEWEX community at selected events.

## In return GEWEX can provide:

- Free registration to our GEWEX Open Science Conferences (OSCs), PAN-GEWEX and PAN-GASS meetings
- Travel support for meetings where they are asked to represent GEWEX
- Standing invitation to our SSG meeting and conference calls
- Specific mention on our website and the GEWEX Quarterly

## We foresee the following criteria:

- a. this is a special group of distinguished leaders who have contributed to GEWEX through a number of years (> 5 years; serving as SSG chair/co-chair or member; or panel chair/cochair)
- b. these people are still active in their research
- c. they can be nominated by anybody (including self), first vetted by SSG co-chairs and the Director, and then approved by the SSG and panel co-chairs each year at the SSG Meeting.
- d. At most 2 new Ambassadors can be approved each year and the distinction is attributed for 5 years (so that the total number of Ambassadors is ten or less at any time).