

## **The path of a candidate for the title of international expert**

A candidate with a BS degree or equivalent must pass through the following stages:

### **Stage 1: Acquire experience, count the hours, and document all**

The candidate carries out specific missions in his/her specialty, and count the number of hours of effective intervention in these missions. Do not forget to retain a copy of the technical report of each mission. If this mission is confidential, a letter explaining the level of confidentiality should be obtained. In the case of high confidentiality, the candidate must therefore write an alternative report that presents the methodology used and demonstrate it in a numerical example.

### **Stage 2: Enroll in the studies for international associate expert (IEA) or directly pass the IEC certificate of international expert**

Decide to enroll in the IIAHED's Associate International Expert program or directly pass the International Expert IEC Certificate?

There are two possibilities:

Case 1: The candidate has acquired more than 3000 hours of work and life experience, ie the actual hours of intervention in the missions described in Stage 1.

Case 2: The candidate has acquired 3000 hours or less of 3000 hours of work and life experience, ie the actual hours of intervention in the missions described in Stage 1.

In Case 2, the candidate must enroll in the IIAHED-AIED program of Associate International Expert studies. If the candidate completes the IIAHED-AIED program successfully, he / she will obtain two equivalent degrees: 1) AIED (Associate International Expert Diploma) and 2) AIEME (Master of Expertise for Associate International Expert). This candidate does not have the right to pass the IEC certificate before acquiring more than 3000 hours of expertise.

In case 1, the candidate has the right to take the IEC, but if he is afraid of failing the IEC certificate, it is therefore advisable to enroll in the IIAHED-AIED program to acquire the necessary knowledge to pass the certificate IEC as an international expert.

### **Stage 3: Moving from an associated international expert (AIE) to an international expert (IE)**

There are three possible cases in this stage: Case 3, Case 4, and Case 5:

Case 3: If the candidate has passed the IEC certificate of international expert, he/she automatically becomes an international expert (IE) for a period of 3 years.

Case 4: If the candidate has failed the IEC certificate as an international expert, he/she remains an associated international expert even if he/she has accumulated a large number of hours of expertise.

Case 5: If the candidate has not accumulated the minimum number of 3000 hours of expertise, he/she still remains an associated international expert (IEA).

#### **Stage 4: How to stay an international expert (IE)?**

The duration of the title of international expert is 3 years. The renewal of this title requires the accumulation of 120 CPE credits (Continued Professional Education). Whenever the international expert participates in training events in his/her technical specialty, he/she receives a number of CPE credits. The international expert must keep the participation certificates for 3 years to transform them into CPE credits. In general, event organizers set the number of CPE credits in participation certificates, but the IIAHED Institute can always re-evaluate this number for the benefit of the international expert.

#### **Stage 5: How to move from an international expert (IE) to a Senior International Expert (SIE)**

There are 5 important factors used in the award of the SIE title:

- 1) The number of years in the title of international expert (5 years minimum);
- 2) The number of hours of expertise accumulated (12000 hours minimum);
- 3) The candidate is an expert in at least two technical specialties;
- 4) Letters of recommendation; and
- (5) The technical and social contributions of the international expert.

#### **Stage 6: Grandfathering**

For a very small number of people who have contributed to the literature of one or more technical specialties, or who have possessed significant patents and have public records in their fields of specialization, a committee of 5 senior international experts will decide the appropriate level of the international expert title without the candidate passing the IEC certificate of international expert and without enrolling in the IIAHED-AIED program.

#### **Stage 7: The Fellow title of an International Expert**

Those senior international experts (SIE) who hold a doctoral degree from an accepted university or who have completed the internal Expertise Doctorate (ExD) from IIAHED qualify to the Fellow International Expert (FIE) after accumulating more than 30000 hours of expertise. A committee of 5 senior international experts will decide the Fellow title.

The following table summarizes the ranks for international experts:

**Table Ranking International Experts**

<b>IE Rank</b>	<b>Work &amp; Life Exp</b>	<b>Educational Level</b>	<b>Studies in IIAHED</b>	<b>CPE Credits</b>	<b>IEC Certificate</b>	<b>Field of Spec</b>
<b>AIE: Assoc IE</b>	<3000 h	BS or Eq	IIAHED-AIED Diploma	>30	No	one
<b>IE</b>	>3000 h	MS or Eq	IIAHED-AIED Diploma if no MS	>120	Yes	one
<b>SIE: Senior IE</b>	>12000 h	More than MS or Eq	IIAHED-AIED if no MS	>120	Yes	Two
<b>FIE: Fellow IE</b>	>30000 h	Doctorate ou Eq	IIAHED-ExD if no Doctorate	No	No	Multiple