

Richard Wolters Prize 2020 – Procedure

Introduction

The procedure for award of the Richard Wolters Prize has been modified with the objective of attracting more young members of the engineering geology community to the IAEG and strengthening links between engineering geologists in industry and academia. Changes include a lowering of the maximum age of applicants to 35 on 1 January of the year of award.

Background

The Richard Wolters Prize has been awarded biannually since 1986 to commemorate the life and work of Dr Richard Wolters, his significant achievements in the advancement of engineering geology and his important role in the development of the IAEG.

Procedure for Richard Wolters Prize Candidates for 2020

The Richard Wolters Prize for 2020 will be administered in the following way:

1. Selection and nomination by each IAEG National Group of their favored candidate to contest the Richard Wolters Prize. The nominated engineering geologist must meet the age criteria . The nominating National Group must submit for evaluation a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae; a list of publications (identifying the three most important papers); and a statement of support for the nominee which should not be longer than two single spaced typed A4 pages. The statement of support must include confirmation that the candidate will attend the 3rd European Regional Conference of IAEG to be held in Athens, Greece on September 20-24, 2020, where the Prize is to be contested.
2. Nominations by the National Groups of their candidate for the Richard Wolters Prize must be in an official letter with all documentation including identification of the paper to be presented if they are shortlisted, to the IAEG Secretary General by **15 May 2020**. Where the candidate is from a country whose National Group is not active, then self-nomination to the IAEG Vice President representing their part of the world can be made.
3. If the number of nominations exceeds 10, then the Executive Committee of the IAEG will, before **1 June 2020**, make its selection of the 10 short-listed candidates.
4. The National Groups will, three months before the 3rd European Regional Conference, be informed if their nominee is invited to present her/his paper at the Conference.
5. Submissions will be judged as follows: submitted publication 30 %; CV 10 %; Oral presentation 60 %.
6. Presentations by short-listed candidates will be made before a Jury at the 3rd European Regional Conference (September 20-24, 2020, in Athens, Greece). Allowance for presentations including response to questions is anticipated to be 15 minutes (10 minutes presentation and 5 minutes mandatory question session), but this may be extended according to the number of short-listed candidates and programme.
7. Selection of the winner of the Richard Wolters Prize and runner-up will be made by a jury appointed by the IAEG Executive Committee. The winner and runner-up will be announced at the 3rd European Regional Conference.

It is expected that the IAEG National Groups will support the travel costs, accommodation and student rate fee* for participation of their candidate at the Congress. National Groups from low income countries and National Groups with very small numbers of members can apply for partial financial support by the IAEG solidarity fund in a letter to the IAEG President.

* All Richard Wolters Prize candidates will be eligible for student registration rates.