

# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR SOIL MECHANICS AND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING

## AWARD COMMITTEE (AWAC) CHARGE

### 1. COMPOSITION

The AWAC will be composed of the following members

- a. one Chair
- b. 6 Members (approximately)

The members will be appointed by the President after consultation with the ISSMGE Board and will be appointed for 1 year renewable. A member of the ISSMGE Board will be chosen as the liaison with the AWAC. The Board will have the right to discontinue the membership of an AWAC member in case of poor performance.

### 2. TASK

The Task of the AWAC will consist of overseeing the awards given by ISSMGE except for the Terzaghi Oration which the ISSMGE President will decide and the Kevin Nash Gold Medal which the Immediate Past President will decide. The activities of the ISSMGE Awards Committee will include:

#### Phase 1: Study the current status

- a. Review the current awards offered by the society. The review will include the three ISSMGE Young Member Awards which at present are made at the Quadrennial International Conference.
- b. Gather basic data on the ratio between number of members and awards for a few notable professional societies.
- c. Recommend a reasonable number of awards including their definition, frequency, and process. In various discussions, the Board mentioned that a frequency of “every two years” would be reasonable. The Board also discussed the following possible awards:
  - Outstanding technical committee
  - Outstanding geotechnical project
  - Outstanding innovator individual member or team
  - Outstanding member society
  - Outstanding paper in the Int. J. of Geo-Engineering Case Histories
- d. Send a proposal to the Board by 31 April 2011. The ISSMGE Board meets in Hong Kong on 22 May 2011.

#### Phase 2: Nomination and selection

- e. If the board accepts the proposal of the Awards Committee, then the Awards Committee will proceed
- f. The AWAC will announce the awards in the ISSMGE Bulletin, the ISSMGE web site, the President monthly progress reports, and other means of distribution.
- g. The AWAC will collect the nominations for each award and evaluate them.
- h. The AWAC will recommend 2 names for each award to the ISSMGE Board

- i. The ISSMGE Board will make the final decision on the winners.

### **3. MEETINGS**

The AWAC will meet 4 times a year by teleconference or in person. An in person meeting once a year is encouraged. Expenses for the meetings will be the responsibility of the Member's country. All awards would be given at the quadrennial ICSMGE conference.

### **4. EVALUATION**

Each year the AWAC will prepare a short report to brief the Board on the status of the committee.

### **5. MEMBERS**

- a. Chair: Francois Schlosser (Europe, France)
- b. Members: Eugeniusz Dembicki (Europe, Poland), William Marcuson (North America, USA), Tadatsugu Tanaka (Asia, Japan), Esve Jacobsz (Africa, South Africa), Werner Bilfinger (South America, Brazil), Indraratna Buddhima (Australasia, Australia)
- c. ISSMGE Board member liaison: Charles Ng, Hong Kong.

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