

PROCEDURE TO AWARD THE RICHARD WOLTERS PRIZE 2010

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

The **Richard Wolters Prize** specifically recognises meritorious scientific achievement by a younger member of the engineering geology profession (less than forty years old on 1st January of the year that the prize is awarded) and is awarded to honour Dr. Wolters' many contributions to international understanding and co-operation. (Please refer to the IAEG website for further information on the Richard Wolters Prize. <http://www.iaeg.info/AboutIAEG/Awardsandprizes/RichardWoltersprize/tabid/74/Default.asp>).

At the Council meeting in Madrid, September 2008, the Council decided to try out in Auckland 2010 for the first time a new procedure leading to the award of the Richard Wolters Prize. Together with the Organising Committee of IAEG 2010 the following procedure has been worked out:

1. Selection by each National Group of IAEG of their most meritorious young engineering geologist under the age of forty years at 1 January 2010. The selection procedure may vary for each national group, but the selection is based mainly on the presentation of one scientific publication (MSc or PhD thesis, or paper on a case history submitted to a conference or published in a (refereed) journal) A curriculum vitae must also be provided and will be considered. Nomination by the National groups of their candidate for the Richard Wolters Prize in an official letter with documentation on the paper to be presented to the IAEG Secretary General by **Friday 5 March 2010**
2. The maximum number of nominations is sixteen. If the number of nominations exceeds sixteen, then the Executive Committee will select the sixteen best candidates by **Monday 5 April 2010** on the basis of the documentation provided
3. The National Groups will be informed by **Friday 9 April 2010** whether their nominee is invited to present her/his paper in Auckland
4. Oral presentations by up to sixteen young National Group representatives of their paper in the "Young Engineering Geologists Pre-Congress meeting" on **Sunday 5 September 2010**. Presentations must be given in English, however the quality of the spoken English will have no bearing on the decisions of the panel
5. Selection of the one to three best presentations by a panel appointed by the IAEG Executive Committee
6. Award of the Richard Wolters Prize and the runner up prizes will be made during the official opening session of the Congress on **Monday 6 September 2010**. The winner will give his/her presentation at this session
7. It is expected that the IAEG National Groups support the travel costs, accommodation and fee for Congress participation of their candidates financially. 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
8. Registration fees for Richard Wolters Prize candidates will be at student rates irrespective of whether the candidate is a student or not. Special cheap accommodation arrangements can be made, if required

May we ask your cooperation as National Group to send to the Secretariat General the Nomination by your National Group of your candidate for the Richard Wolters Prize in an official letter with documentation on the paper by **Friday 5 March 2010**.

Furthermore we draw your attention to the point No. 7, stating that it is expected that the IAEG National Groups support the travel costs, accommodation and fee for Congress participation of their candidates financially.

Yours very sincerely,
Secretary General of the IAEG