

Sir Arnold Waters Medal: guidance for Regional Groups

The Institution is keen to encourage Regional Groups to put forward entries to the Sir Arnold Waters Medal. To support this aim, the terms of the award have recently been updated to reflect current practice whereby lectures are usually delivered in the form of an electronic presentation rather than as a written paper.

This note is intended to provide brief guidance on eligibility and submission requirements, as well as clarifying the judging process.

Eligibility

The Sir Arnold Waters Medal is open to presentations that have won a Regional Group award during the session. To be eligible for consideration, all authors of a presentation must be members (any grade) of the Institution.

Presentations must be submitted to HQ by the Regional Group Chair/Secretary by the deadline set by the Papers Awards Judging Panel.

Judging

The award is made at the discretion of the Panel to a presentation deemed most worthy of those under consideration. If, in any given year, no presentation is deemed worthy of an award, the Panel reserves the right to make no award.

In reaching decisions relating to this award, the Panel will consider:

- value to the profession as a contribution to the art and science of structural engineering;
- clarity and presentation;
- extent of the author's responsibility for the work described.

Format

The submission may take the form of a written paper, an electronic presentation (e.g. PowerPoint), or any other suitable method.

Where the submission is not in the form of a written paper (e.g. PowerPoint presentation), authors may supply a brief executive summary (max. 500 words) highlighting the key points.

While audio or video material is welcomed as part of the submission, authors should ensure that messaging is succinct. Authors are encouraged to ensure that any such material is embedded in their presentation and easily accessible.

Queries

Any queries should be addressed to the Panel Secretary, Ian Farmer, at ian.farmer@istructe.org.