

People and Papers Awards 2025



The People and Papers Awards 2025 were held at The View, Royal College of Surgeons, London

Congratulations to all the winners of the Institution's People and Papers Awards 2025. The awards were presented by President Mohamad Al-Dah at a ceremony held at The View, Royal College of Surgeons in London on Friday 16 May.

The People and Papers Awards recognise outstanding contributions to structural engineering and to the Institution's work, through innovative education initiatives, papers published in *The Structural Engineer* and *Structures*, lectures, regional group activity, and much more. They cover the whole range of Institution life, from outstanding young professionals to those recognised for a lifetime of achievement and service.

Papers Awards

Murray Buxton Award

Medal: Stephen John Baker and Matthew James Penellum

'Restoration of the Elizabeth Tower: pairing tradition and modernity at the Houses of Parliament'

Diploma: Gabriel César Dias Lopes, João Augusto Moreira Alves, Pedro Lopes, Aires Colaço and Joaquim Lopes
'The Arena Liga Portugal: aiming for SMART design'

Guthrie Brown Award

Medal: Nipun Devinda Wijegunasekera and Jayawardena Arachchige Pasindu



Stephen Baker and Matthew Penellum received the Murray Buxton Award

Madusha Perera

'Detailing for durability – an introduction'

Derrington Construction Award

Medal: Charlotte Taylor and William Hawkins
'Holistic regenerative design: the Common House by Common Practice'

Diploma: Nigel Ostime

'An introduction to modern methods of construction'

Husband Prize

Alfred Jacquemot, Robert Nilsson, Timothy Darwall Lucas, David Furnival Knight and Thomas Randall-Page



Nipun Wijegunasekera and Pasindu Perera received the Guthrie Brown Award

'Cody Dock Rolling Bridge, London – innovation through collaboration'

Clancy Prize

Medal: Gerard Francis Pegram
'Conservation compendium. Part 19: Care of churches – inspection, assessment and repair'

Oscar Faber Award

Medal: Gerald Epp
'Touching lightly: the Nancy Pauw Bridge'

Diploma: Andrew Charles Lawrence, Andrew Smith and Andrew Rolf
'Assessment of existing structures safety tool'



Paul Livesey was awarded the Sir Arnold Waters Medal for his presentation to the East Midlands Regional Hub

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Medal: Claire Young

'Sustainable Structural Design in the Face of a Climate Emergency'

Medal: Paul Livesey

'An Introduction to Collaborative Reporting for Safer Structures'

Structures Prizes

Best Research Paper Prize

Mingzhu Chen, Wouter De Corte, Haibo Jiang and Luc Taerwe

'Experimental study on direct-shear behaviour of narrow joints in socket connections for precast pier-to-pile footing systems'

Best Research into Practice Paper Prize

Kamil Riedel, Robert Lars Vollum, Bassam Afif Izzuddin and Glen Rust

'Robustness assessment of precast concrete connections using component-based modelling'

Education Award

Award for Excellence in Structural Engineering Education

Winner: Joseph Gattas

'An Augmented Reality Teaching Tool for Steel Connection Design'

Commendation: Jaehoon Bae

'Enhancing Structural Engineering Education through Innovation: The Advanced Convergence Structure Course'



Gerard Pegram won the Clancy Prize



Pallavi Achanta won the Kenneth Severn Award

Awards for Young Engineers

Young Structural Engineering Professional Award

Winner: Andrew Smith

Runner-up: Behnam Behzadi-Sofiani

Kenneth Severn Award

Winner: Pallavi Achanta

Commendation: Dana Al Kattan

Commendation: Sean Allan

Young Researchers Conference Competition

Winner: Rebecca Presswood

2nd place: Hasini Weerasinghe

3rd place: Rui Luo

People Awards

Lewis Kent Award

Edward Christiaan Clark

Charlotte Emma Rouke

Angus Bennet Palmer

Charlotte Wildman

Service Award

David Jeremy Bray

Robert John Moss

Anil Kumar

Nicola Jayne Stockbridge

Robert Bell

Keith Eaton International Award

Zhengxia Cong

Lifetime Achievement Award

Susan Giahi-Broadbent



Angus Palmer received the Lewis Kent Award for his dedicated service to the Institution over a period of many years



Anil Kumar received a Service Award for his much valued and extensive support of the South Eastern Counties Hub over a period of many years



Susan Giahi-Broadbent received the Lifetime Achievement Award for her significant contribution over many years to the Institution



Kamil Riedel, Robert Vollum, Bassam Izzuddin and Glen Rust won Structures Best Research into Practice Paper Prize