

GUIDELINE

for the ISRM Science and Technology Awards

(approved by the Board on 15 October 2022)

1. NAME AND NATURE OF THE AWARDS

- (a) The ISRM Science and Technology Awards shall be conferred on ISRM individual or corporate members, in recognition of outstanding contributions to science and technology in the field of rock mechanics and rock engineering.
- (b) The ISRM Science and Technology Awards have two categories:
 - Science Achievement Award;
 - Technological Innovation Award.
- (c) A maximum of two awards can be conferred on each category.
- (d) Both awards shall be conferred by the ISRM President on a biennial basis. The Science Achievement Award will be conferred in the 1st and the 3rd year of each ISRM Presidential tenure period- The Technological Innovation Award will be conferred in the 2nd and the 4th year of each ISRM Presidential tenure period.
- (e) The ISRM Science Achievement Award shall be conferred on ISRM individual members in recognition of one or more of the following contributions to the progress of the science of rock mechanics:
 - making an important advancement of knowledge;
 - proposing and confirming a new theory to explain certain phenomena.
- (f) The ISRM Technological Innovation Award shall be conferred on ISRM corporate members in recognition of one or more of the following contributions to the progress of applied rock mechanics and rock engineering:
 - development and application of a new equipment or testing system;
 - development and application of a new testing method;
 - development and application of a new technology;
 - development and application of a new material.

2. NOMINATION

- (a) Nominations shall be by the chairs of the National Groups who wish to nominate an ISRM individual or corporate member for the awards and shall be in the form of a brief, descriptive report, not exceeding 1,000 words excluding references, tables, and figure captions, addressing the nominee's achievements including relevant attachments, such as:
 - published papers in international journals and conferences, and citation count;
 - patent certificates;
 - reports on the development and application of the inventions.
- (b) Nominations for the awards are to be addressed to the ISRM Secretary General and submitted at least six months before the ISRM International Symposium or the Congress of the year where the award will be given.

3. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Decision on conferring the awards is taken by the Board. For each category of award, a selection committee consisting of five members from the Board and Fellows, shall analyse the nominations and submit a proposal to the Board for discussion and approval. The winners will receive a certificate of commendation signed by the ISRM President, to be presented at the ISRM International Symposium or the ISRM Congress.

4. CONFERRING OF THE AWARD

- (a) The winner will receive a certificate of commendation signed by the ISRM President during the award ceremony.
- (b) The winner will be requested to present a video with a maximum of 10 minutes describing the achievements, to be shown during the award ceremony, and a paper to be published in the ISRM News Journal. Both shall focus on technical issues, while minimizing commercial contents.