

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. 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 recognises excellent lectures delivered at Regional Group level. It is open to any presentation that has been awarded a Regional Group prize during the session. To be eligible for consideration, **all** authors of a presentation **must** be members (any grade) of the Institution.

NB Where a Regional Group has awarded more than one prize, it may submit more than one presentation for consideration.

Nominations for the award must be submitted to HQ by the Regional Group Chair/Secretary by the deadline set by the Papers Awards Judging Panel (ideally including the presentation materials, although authors may also submit these directly following their nomination).

Judging

The award is made at the discretion of the Panel to a presentation(s) 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 not to make an 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 embed any such material in their presentation so that it is easily accessible.

Queries

Any queries should be addressed to the Panel Secretary, Will Brown, at will.brown@istructe.org.