

AWARDING THE ROBERT L'HERMITE MEDAL

It is RILEM objective to gather together the most eminent specialists throughout the world in the fields of building materials and structures. Aiming for excellence in all its activities, RILEM awards this recognised distinction annually.

Each year, the **Robert L'Hermite Medal** is awarded to an author of less than 40 years - not necessarily a member of the Association – who has performed high level scientific research in the field of 'Building Materials and Structures'. The research results have to be published in at least one original scientific article in an international scientific journal, preferably (but not exclusively) the RILEM journal *Materials & Structures*, in one of the official languages of RILEM (English or French).

Jury Membership

The Jury to select the Robert L'Hermite Medallist is composed of:

1. The Chair of the TAC (Chair person),
2. The Editor in Chief of our scientific journal *Materials & Structures*
3. Two experts appointed by the Bureau under the proposal of the TAC

The Bureau will formally decide on the composition of the Jury before the end of December, by e-mail or electronic voting. If needed, the Bureau will appoint a proxy, in case the Editor In Chief of M&S or the TAC Chair will not be available for acting in the jury.

The Jury meets in general during RILEM Spring meetings (in March), and presents its preferred selection to the Bureau of RILEM.

Criteria

The following criteria apply to the authors pre-selected as nominees:

- 1) They must have performed high level scientific research in the field of 'Building Materials and Structures', and published at least one original paper in an international scientific journal, preferably the RILEM journal *Materials and Structures* during the last two years, in general as main contributor of the paper.
- 2) They should be under the age of 40 years, when submitting their evaluation package (evaluation package listed in the letter sent to each possible candidate).

The list of nominees is sent to the members of the Jury at the beginning of the year when the Jury convenes (precise deadline defined each year, according to the date of the RILEM Spring meetings).

In its final selection, the Jury must state the specific field of research for which the candidate has been selected for the award and should emphasize the specific link with RILEM fields of activity and interest. This written summarized information should be presented to the Bureau, as a basis for the final decision and for further use and notification through *Materials & Structures*, News on our website, RILEM Newsletter and press release circulated to RILEM mailing list.

In keeping with RILEM overall quality strategy, it should be stressed that the author selected must truly merit the award for exceptional contributions to his field of research. If, for a given year, the Jury does not consider that any of the candidates meet this criterion, then it is possible not to award the Robert L'Hermite Medal for that year.

If two candidates have made truly remarkable presentations during the same year, then the Jury should notify the Bureau that the candidate not selected for the award in that year should be taken into consideration for the following year, if he has not attained the age limit. This notification to the Bureau should be detailed by the Jury for direct use by the new Jury of the following year.

Privileges of the Robert L'Hermite Medallist

The Medallist is invited to give a lecture during the RILEM Technical Day of the RILEM Week following the nomination. This lecture, which has to be in the theme for which the medallist has been awarded, is to be published in an issue of our journal *Materials & Structures*. In case the laureate is not yet a RILEM individual member, the laureate will be offered a 2-year membership, including a free subscription to *Materials & Structures*.

Annex: Jury and submission procedures for the 2014 Robert L’Hermite Medal

Deadline for having young authors submitting their evaluation package:

31 December 2013 at 12:00 C.E.T.

Mailing address for the evaluation package (only electronic submission is accepted):

sg@rilem.org

Attention: RILEM Secretariat General

Mrs. Pascale Ducornet

Managing Editor of M&S, Jury Secretary

Evaluation package (pdf files of each of the following documents):

For each author fulfilling the criteria for considering his/her original scientific article(s) published in Materials & Structures (publication online or print edition in an issue of the journal):

- ❑ a detailed curriculum vitae of the author, including birth date. It must be “professional”, with a summary of the recent research and its impact, a list of important publications, participation in RILEM and outreach activities.
- ❑ a portrait photo of the author (high definition photograph)
- ❑ a selection of the 10 best journal articles published in one of the official languages of RILEM (English or French), in pdf format.