AWARDING THE ROBERT L'HERMITE MEDAL

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

Each year, the Robert L'Hermite Medal is awarded to a researcher of less than 40 years - not necessarily a member of the Association – who has performed high level scientific research in the field of construction materials and structures.

Jury Membership

The Jury to select the Robert L'Hermite Medalist and the Gustavo Colonnetti Medalist(s) 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 will meet electronically in January, 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 construction materials and structures.
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 Convention).

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 Medalist

The Medalist is invited to give a lecture during the RILEM Technical Day of the RILEM Annual Week following the nomination. This lecture, which has to be in the theme for which the Medalist has been awarded, is to be published as an open access paper 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 years free membership.
Annex: Jury and submission procedures for the 2017 Robert L'Hermite Medal

Deadline for having researchers submitting their evaluation package:

31 December 2016 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 and Ms Anne Griffoin

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

- 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)
