



# IAGR ANNOUNCES AWARD FOR THE BEST PAPER PUBLISHED IN “GONDWANA RESEARCH”

## Regulations for the IAGR Award

### **1. Objective**

To encourage high quality studies on Gondwanaland and related terranes, so as to enhance our scientific knowledge on the evolution of the earth and thereby contribute to human society.

The award will commence from papers published in 2006.

### **2. Name of the award**

The award will be known as the “IAGR AWARD”.

### **3. The awardee(s)**

- 3.1. The award is made on an annual basis to the author(s) of the paper judged to be the best published each year in the journal *Gondwana Research*.
- 3.2. Only articles that contain original research data and/or models are eligible for the Award, and can include articles published under the categories of “GR FOCUS” and “GR LETTER” as well as regular research papers.

### **4. Nominations for the award**

- 4.1. All members of the Gondwana Research Editorial Board, other than those appointed to the Award Committee [see clause 5] are required to nominate one paper for the award each year.
- 4.2. All Council and Advisory Board members may also nominate one paper for the award each year, but are not required to do so.
- 4.3. No person may nominate a paper of which he or she is an author.

### **5. The Award Committee**

- 5.1. The Award Committee is responsible for assessing nominated papers and for selecting the winning paper.
- 5.2. The Award Committee shall comprise 6 members of the Editorial Board of Gondwana Research, nominated by the IAGR President, or by a Co-ordinator designated by the Executive Council.

- 5.3. All Award Committee members will serve for 3 years, except for the inaugural members, 2 of whom will be appointed for one year, 2 for two years, and 2 for three years, to ensure a regular rotation of members through the Committee.
- 5.4. Two Committee members shall reach the end of their term at the end of every year and be replaced by two new nominees.
- 5.5. New Committee members shall be nominated during the period October to December in the year prior to their appointment.
- 5.6. No individual may serve on the Award Committee for more than three years continuously, but may be reappointed three years after they last stood down from the Committee.
- 5.7. All editorial board members are expected to become Award Committee members in due course.
- 5.8. Papers authored or co-authored by members of the Award Committee shall be excluded from consideration for the Award.
- 5.8. If a committee member resigns before his term is over, then a replacement shall be nominated immediately.

## **6. Announcement of the Award**

The title and authors of the Award-winning paper will be announced in a suitable issue of Gondwana Research as soon as possible after the award decision.

## **7. Prize to the awardee(s)**

The prize and award citation, as decided by the Award Committee, shall be presented during the Annual Convention of the IAGR in the year in which the Award is announced (i.e. the year after the paper was published).

## Operational Rules of the Award Committee

(As approved by the Executive Council of IAGR)

1. The Award Committee shall have a Chairman and Vice Chairman elected each year from the Committee members soon after the nomination of the Award Committee members by the President. Their initial appointment will for one year only, although they may be re-elected provided they have not reached the end of their term on the Committee.

2. The election process for Chairman and Vice Chairman is conducted by the previous Chairman of the Award Committee, except for the inaugural year of the Committee when the Secretary General(s) assumes this role.  
(By the end of December)

3. The Chairman convenes all the procedures of the Committee. The Vice Chairman assists the Chairman and can act as Chairman, if so requested by the Chairman or the Secretary General(s) of IAGR.

4. The Chairman contacts all Council, Advisory Committee, and Editorial Board members (except those on the Award Committee) in January, asking them each to nominate one paper for the Award from the previous year's volume of Gondwana Research. All nominations should include full reference details of the paper and a one-page summary of why it is suitable for the award, and be received by the Chairman before the end of January  
(By the end of January)

5. The Chairman distributes details of the nominated papers to the members of the Award Committee soon after the deadline for nominations. These details should include the author(s), title, volume, issue and page numbers of each paper, and the supporting statement from the nominator.  
(By middle February)

6. Each member of the Award Committee, including the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, selects up to three papers for the award from the nominations in order of preference and submits these preferences to the Chairman before the end of April.  
(By the end of April)

7. The Chairman collates the Award Committee's preferences, and allocates 5 points to each first preference, 3 points to each second preference, and 1 point to each third preference. The paper with the highest number of points is judged the best paper and the Chairman nominates this paper to receive the Award. If more than one paper receives the highest points then a joint award will be made. The Chairman will inform other award committee members about the ballot results.

8. Within one month of the award decision, the Chairman submits a report on the assessment process to the President of IAGR and prepares a formal announcement of the award decision to appear in the next issue of Gondwana Research.

(By the end of May)

9. The Chairman must circulate copies of all data and correspondence to the Vice Chairman.

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