

IFHS Student Awards Scheme

Policy Document

One of the fundamental aims of the International Federation of Hydrographic Societies (IFHS) and its member societies is to nurture the next generation of hydrographic professionals. With that in mind, the IFHS Board agreed that the Conference and Technical Programme at all Hydro conferences from 2012 onwards will include the following sessions:

- **Education & Training** addressing topical themes relating to hydrographic education and training
- **Student Presentations** offering students the opportunity to present their work to a global hydrographic audience and gain valuable presentation experience

In parallel with this the Board launched two accolades for students: the **IFHS Student Award** and the prize for the **Best Student Presentation at Hydro**.

IFHS Student Award

Eligibility and Deadlines

Each IFHS-member society is be entitled to nominate **one** candidate per year* for the **IFHS Student Award**. It is entirely up to the individual societies to decide how they select their own nominees.

To be eligible a candidate must have been a full-time student on a relevant undergraduate or post-graduate level course at some point during the 12 months preceding the closing date for nominations.

All nominees must declare that, if successful, they are willing and able to present a paper during the Student Presentation Session at the next Hydro conference; if they are unable to do so the prize may be withdrawn and/or offered to another candidate.

All nominations must be submitted on an official nomination form which can be downloaded from the Student Awards page on the IFHS website (www.hydrographicsociety.org).

All completed nomination forms must be submitted to IFHS **by 30th April**; the IFHS Board will select and notify the winner by the end of July. These deadlines have been chosen to complement those operated by Hydro Organising Committees thereby enabling full descriptions of IFHS Student Award winners' presentations in published Conference and Technical programmes.

* unless there is no Hydro Conference that year

The Prize

The IFHS Student Award winner will receive:

- Personal cheque for £1,500 and framed certificate
- Free delegate registration at that Hydro conference (including a ticket for the Conference Dinner)
- Up to £1,000 towards travel and subsistence

The prize will be formally awarded during the Conference Dinner.

Prize for Best Student Presentation at Hydro

In addition to the IFHS Student Award winner there will be opportunities for other students to present papers in the dedicated Student Presentation session. All speakers in the Student Presentation session, **except** the IFHS Student Award winner, will be eligible for the £500 prize for the **Best Student Presentation at Hydro** as judged by the delegates; the prize (together with a framed certificate) will be presented at a suitable time in the conference programme e.g. the Conference Dinner or Closing Ceremony.

In common with all other sessions, speakers for the Student Presentations session will be selected by the Hydro Organising Committee, based on the abstracts received in response to the call for papers.

To be eligible an author/presenter must have been a full-time student on a relevant undergraduate or post-graduate level course at some point during the 12 months preceding the start of the conference.

With the exception of the IFHS Student Award winner, neither IFHS nor the Hydro Organising Committee will be able provide financial assistance for speakers participating in the Student Presentations session.

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