



BY-LAW No. 8

Müller Award

(approved by the Council in Lisbon PORTUGAL on 8 July 2007)

1. NATURE OF THE AWARD

- (a) The award honours the memory of Professor Dr. Leopold Müller, the founder and first president of the International Society for Rock Mechanics.
- (b) The award is made once every four years at the ISRM Congress, in recognition of distinguished contributions to the profession of rock mechanics and rock engineering.
- (c) The award consists of a work of art typical of the culture of the country hosting the ISRM Congress, accompanied by a silver medallion with a portrait of Leopold Müller and the engraved name of the recipient and date and title of the award.
- (d) The recipient shall deliver the Müller Lecture at the Congress, which shall be published in the proceedings of the Congress.
- (e) The Congress Organizing Committee shall pay for the recipient's registration and accommodation expenses at the Congress. The ISRM shall provide the medallion and the work of art, and reimburse the recipient's travel costs.

2. NOMINATIONS

- (a) A call for nominations shall be made by the Secretary General at the Council meeting two years before the Congress at which the award is to be made, and shall be publicised in the ISRM Newsletter and website at that time. The call for nominations shall be distributed by electronic mail to all National Groups
- (b) Candidates for the award shall be nominated by the National Groups of the ISRM. Each National Group may propose one candidate, with no restrictions on who may be nominated.
- (c) Nominations are to be addressed to the ISRM Secretary-General, and shall include the name and address of the nominee and of the nominating National Group; a summary of up to 1000 words describing the nominee's achievements and contributions; and a list of the nominee's publications.
- (d) Nominations shall close 18 months before the date of the Congress at which the award is to be made.

3. SELECTION

- (a) Full details of nominations are to be distributed by the Secretary General to National Groups within two weeks after the closing of nominations.



- (b) ISRM Council at its meeting in the year before the Congress is to determine in a secret ballot the preferred nominee and one or more alternatives in order of preference should that person be unable to accept. Council shall consider the criterion that the award is to be conferred in recognition of an outstanding career that combines theoretical and applied rock engineering with a profound understanding of the basic sciences of geology and mechanics.
- (c) The name of the preferred award recipient shall be announced at the Council meeting. The ISRM President is then to confirm whether the selected recipient can accept the award, and to confirm the title of the Müller Lecture. The Müller Award and the title of the Müller Lecture shall then be announced in the ISRM Newsletter and website and in the Congress Bulletin.

4. CONFERRING OF THE AWARD

- (a) The award shall be conferred and the recipient introduced by the ISRM President during the Congress, at a scheduled time immediately preceding delivery of the Müller Lecture.
- (b) A summary of the lecture of approximately 2000 words shall be published in the ISRM News Journal.

In case of three or more nominations, the selection procedure will obey the following rules of By-law no. 2:

Voting Procedure for Three or More Nominations

- (a) If three or more valid nominations have been received, a voting paper with the names of all nominees will be passed to each of the voting Council members, who will mark the candidates 1, 2, 3, etc. in order of preference.
- (b) The primary votes (marked with 1) shall be counted first. If one candidate receives a majority of all primary votes, that candidate shall be declared elected.
- (c) If there is no such clear majority, the candidate with the fewest primary votes shall be excluded from the election. In case 2 or more candidates are found in this situation, the one with fewest secondary votes (marked with 2) shall be excluded from the election. The voting papers for that candidate are to be recounted and those particular secondary votes shall be given primary vote status and distributed to the remaining candidates.
- (d) This procedure is to be repeated until one candidate has more than one-half of the total number of votes. In the case of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote.