

Part 16. De Paepe-Willems Award

Art 73. The Aim
The aim of the DE PAEPE – WILLEMS Award is to encourage Young Professionals (YP) to submit technical papers in the field of interest of PIANC.

Art 74. Subjects of interest
Technical submission must deal with a subject in the field of navigation relevant to the Association.

The paper must be original and a practical application of technology (state-of-practice).

Art 75. The Jury
A four-member jury will be appointed by the Executive Committee (ExCom) in its autumn meeting and will be composed of:

- one member of ExCom who will chair the jury, and
- three specially invited experts on the subjects covered in the submitted papers

The papers should be submitted by August 31 of each year. If none of the papers meets the required standards, the jury can decide not to grant the Award. The decisions of the jury will be final.

The jury will also decide on what submissions, besides the awarded paper, can be published in the Magazine.

The jury will convey its decisions to the ExCom before its winter meeting.

Art 76. Criteria for assessing the submissions
The jury will judge each paper's content by the following four criteria with equal weight, scoring the paper in each criterion from 1 (low) to 5 (high):

Criterion 1. Value and interest of the paper to professional peers

- To what degree is the subject matter current, in terms of developments now underway?
- To what degree can the findings and conclusions of the paper be readily applied by others to related practical problems?
- To what degree can the experience documented in the paper be related by others to similar situations elsewhere; i.e. are the "lessons learned" clearly stated?

Criterion 2. Significance of the paper's contribution to the state-of-practice

- To what degree do the findings and conclusions of the paper advance the state-of-the-art?

- To what degree does the analytical experimental or field application results discussed in the paper appear to be reproducible?

Criterion 3. The originality of the material

- To what degree is the perspective of the author on the subject matter unique in terms of existing literature on similar topics?
- To what degree does the presentation discuss novel analytical procedures, experimental methods, or field applications?

Criterion 4. Whether the writing style is clear, logical, concise and easy to follow

- To what degree is the entire paper written in correct grammar and accepted technical style?
- To what degree is the entire paper free of redundancy and superfluous comment?
- To what degree is the entire paper continuous and orderly, with each topic completed before leading into the next topic in a logical manner?

Art 77.

The Award

The Award consists of an amount of 5,000.00 EUR and free membership of PIANC for a five-year period.

The Award will be granted to the candidate who submits the most outstanding paper selected by the jury in the calendar year preceding the General Assembly (GA) at which the Award is granted. In case of co-authorship, the Award will be granted to the principal author of the paper.

The Award winner will be invited to present his/her paper at the GA. Free hotel accommodation for three nights will be provided, together with a payment of travel expenses in economy class to the GA.

Art 78.

Conditions to be fulfilled by the candidate

A candidate must:

- a. not have reached the age of forty on December 31 of the year of submission of the paper;
- b. submit his/her paper, attached to the application form, to the General Secretariat of PIANC before the August 31 of the year preceding the granting of the Award.
- c. be the author or the lead author of a team

Submissions must:

- a. not exceed 8,000 words, excluding charts, graphs and illustrations;
- b. not exceed a total of 20 pages;

- c. be written in English including a summary and comply with the Guidelines to the Authors, details of which can be consulted on the website;
- d. include the name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s)
- e. include an ID picture of the author and some relevant key words.

Art 79. Publication of submissions

The Award-winning paper will be published in the Magazine.

The remaining papers may also be published in the Magazine, according to the opinion of the jury.

After designation of the winner, the Association also immediately identifies the contributions which are selected for publication in the Magazine and retains copyright for those limited contributions only.

The winners of the DPWA will be presented on the international PIANC website with a curriculum vitae and a summary of their paper.