

COMPETITION OF THE " GUSTAVE MAGNEL GOLD MEDAL "

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Article 1.

Pursuant to an agreement dated 23 January 1958 between the regulations' committee of the "Prof. ir. G. Magnel Memorial" and the "Alumnivereniging van de Ingenieurs afgestudeerd aan de Universiteit te Gent" (shortly named AIG (Alumni association of engineers graduated from Ghent University)), the decision has been taken to periodically award "Gustave Magnel Gold Medal".

This is in commemoration of Gustave Magnel who died in Ghent on 5 July 1955 and was during his lifetime, Professor at Ghent University, founder and Director of the "Laboratory for Reinforced Concrete" now "Magnel Laboratory for Concrete Research" at Ghent University.

Article 1-bis.

The present rules and regulations have been adjusted by the permanent Board of Administration, competent and composed according to the article 7, following hereafter, and have been approved in its assembly on 12 September 2000 and subsequently on 15 September 2003.

In cases where interpretation of this translated version leads to contradiction with the original text, the original Dutch version will be considered the true and authentic one.

Article 2.

In principle the medal is awarded at a rate of once in every period of five years. The current period commenced in 2009.

Normally the award is presented at the end of every period. In special circumstances, the presentation may take place prior the end of the five years' period.

Article 3.

The medal is awarded to the designer(s) of a civil engineering structure, built and completed within the five years' period, and which might be considered as an important and remarkable application of reinforced and/or prestressed concrete.

Neither the nationality of the designer, nor the country where the edifice has been built, is important. The edifice must be completed in the said period of five years.

Article 4.

The periodical awarding of the medal is entrusted to a Board of Administration, which operates under the authority of the AIG.

The applications must be submitted to this Board.

Article 5.

The various ways for applying are the following :

- a. Presented by the Board of Administration;
- b. presented by a third party (e.g. a private person, an association, a public organisation, etc.);
- c. presenting oneself.

Article 6.

Each application should contain the following :

- a. a short description of the submitted civil engineering structure;
- b. a declaration, signed by the applicant(s) and by two others, proving that the applicant(s) are the real author(s) of the submitted structure;
- c. a letter signed by the applicant(s) stating his (or their) willingness to provide the Board of Administration with all the incidental information and details necessary to enable the jury to form an exact and precise judgment about the structure in question;
- d. a "curriculum vitae" of the applicant(s).

Each application is confidential.

If the application is not considered or does not lead to a favourable result, all documents submitted will be returned on simple demand by the applicant(s).

Article 7.

The Board of Administration is permanent. It is composed of:

- the acting chairman of the AIG. He is also by right the Chairman of the Board. He can delegate his authority to one of his deputy-chairmen;
- the acting treasurer of the AIG;
- a member of the Executive Committee of the AIG, generally entrusted with the publications of the Association;
- a professor in structural or civil engineering from Ghent University;
- a consulting engineer associated with a consulting engineers office;
- a civil engineer employed by a public works contractor.

In case of dismissal, decease or serious failing of one of the members, the Board of Administration will provide a replacement.

A member of the Board of Administration cannot be a member of the Scientific Jury.

Article 8.

The Board of Administration manages the activities according to the letter and the spirit of the agreement. It strikes the medal and fixes the expenditure necessary for the award ceremony.

Regarding the examination of the applications, the Board has full power within the restrictions of the available budget.

The deliberations regarding the awarding of the medal are confidential. Decisions by voting are taken by simple majority. In case of equality of votes, the Chairman's vote is decisive.

In each case the Chairman decides whether the votes will be cast orally or by means of secret ballots. He is authorised to allow the voting by written procurement or by signed letter. In either case the object of the voting has to be specified.

Article 9.

The Board of Administration makes the first elimination. It rejects the applications, which it considers not to be in conformity with the present rules and regulations.

If necessary, it completes the files of the other candidates.

Thereupon it appoints a Scientific Jury.

Article 10.

The Scientific Jury is composed of civil engineers graduated or associated with a Belgian University :

- two from Ghent University
- one from the "Université de Liège"
- one from the "Katholieke Universiteit Leuven"
- one from the "Université Catholique de Louvain-la-Neuve"
- one from the "Vrije Universiteit Brussel"
- one from the "Université Libre de Bruxelles"

The two members of Ghent University act as Chairman and as Secretary. The Chairman is preferably a professor associated with the Magnel Laboratory for Concrete Research.

The Jury examines the merits of the applications selected by the Board of Administration.

The Jury may ask the Board for additional information.

The Jury submits to the Board a detailed report and proposes the name of the laureate. The deliberations and votes are subject to the same rules and regulations as mentioned in article 8 above.

The members of the Jury inform the Chairman of the Jury about a possible conflict of interest.

The members of the Jury are entitled to a refund for travelling costs and other expenses made for their assignment.

Article 11.

The Board of Administration names the laureate(s) of the "Gustave Magnel Gold Medal" after due deliberation of the report of the Scientific Jury.

In no case can the decision of the Board of Administration be made public without prior approval of the Executive Committee of the AIG. Only the Executive Committee of the AIG divulges the name of the laureate(s).

Article 12.

The Board of Administration makes proposals to the Executive Committee of the AIG regarding the award ceremony. After the approval of the Executive Committee of the AIG, the Board will take all necessary measures.

Article 13.

The laureate(s) is (are) invited to the award ceremony, mentioned in article 12 above, for the presentation of the gold medal. In principle, this ceremony takes place in Ghent under the auspices of the AIG.

A diploma, confirming the title "Laureate of the Gustave Magnel Gold Medal", is presented to the laureate or each one of the laureates.

For the organisation of the award ceremony, the AIG appeals to the sponsorship of the academic authorities and other interested parties.

In the event that the laureate(s) is/are not living in Belgium, travelling and lodging expenses can be refunded, wholly or partly.

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Applications should be sent to the

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Any additional information as well as a copy of this set of rules and regulations can be obtained at the above address.