

The Aftab Mufti Award and Medal

THE AWARD

The *Aftab Mufti Award and Medal* is established to honor the service, dedication and life-time achievements of Dr. Aftab Mufti, a founder of the International Society for Structural Health Monitoring of Intelligent Infrastructure (ISHMII). It recognizes individual and intellectual service to the field and may be awarded in recognition of one of three areas of service: 1) Best Paper – *Journal of Civil Structural Health Monitoring (JCSHM)*, 2) Professional Achievement, or 3) Life-Time Achievement. Other areas of service may be added as appropriate.

The **Award** consists of a medal in a presentation box.

CRITERIA, PRACTICES AND PROCEEDURES

- I. The Award, established in 2011 through an anonymous gift from a group of friends of ISHMII, is given to an individual who is a Fellow, Full, Corporate, or Student member of ISHMII at the time of the nomination and who is adjudged by the Nomination and Selection Committee to meet the criteria associated with the award.
- II. Nominations for this Award may not be made posthumously.
- III. No recipient may receive the Award in any category more than once.
- IV. The President is charged with establishing a 3 to 5 member Nominations and Selection Committee. Generally, the members of this Committee will be selected from among the Executive Committee, Editorial Board of the *JCSHM*, and Council Members. At least two appointed members must be members of the ISHMII Council. The Committee will include the President as chairperson and one non-voting ISHMII staff person who will coordinate activities with this exception: when the Award is to be given for a Best Paper published in the *JCSHM*, the President shall relinquish the position of chair to the Editor-in-Chief of the *JCSHM*.
- V. The Committee will carry out the following:
 - a. Determine the type of award that is to be presented.
 - b. Select the occasion of the presentation.
 - c. Set a nomination and voting timeframe.
 - d. Refine or add criteria and approve an official nomination form, as needed.
 - e. Make appropriate announcements soliciting nominations. The Committee will use the tools such as ISHMII's electronic publications and the Web site to publicize the awards and solicit nominations. Electronic submissions are encouraged.
 - f. Assure that deadlines and criteria are met.
 - g. Make a final determination and inform ISHMII leadership of the selection as well as communicate with the recipient in a timely manner so the recipient can have sufficient notice to make travel arrangements.
- VI. The additional nomination criteria associated with a Best Paper Award are as follows:
 - a. The Nomination and Selection Committee will consist of five associate editors of the *JCSHM* under the auspices of the Editor-in-Chief as chair.
 - b. Nominations will be solicited from the full Editorial Board of the *JCSHM*.

- c. The Committee will screen papers with reference to the quality of the paper that includes, but is not limited to its originality and innovation, significance and impact, quality of presentation and positioning within the current literature.
 - d. The papers will have been published or selected for publication in the *JCSHM* within 2 years of the presentation date unless a different clearly specified period is chosen in a timely fashion.
 - e. The author(s) must be a currently paid member or members of ISHMII at the time of the vote or another date to be publicly announced by the Committee in conjunction with ISHMII staff.
 - f. Nominated papers may include those authored by a member of the Editorial Board who is not on the Committee. However, papers are ineligible where even one author is the chair or a member of the Committee.
 - g. The Committee will present a shortlist of the nominated papers (approximately 5 papers) to the full JCSHM Editorial Board for their vote. If the full Editorial Board recommends that an additional nomination(s) or an extended review should be considered, they may direct the Committee to do so. If the vote results in a tie or near tie, the Chair will make the final decision or will make procedural recommendations.
- VII. The additional nomination criteria associated with a Personal Achievement Award are as follows:
- a. Objective and lasting professional and/or scientific achievement(s) in the field of SHM
 - b. Exemplary professional leadership within ISHMII and/or prominent national and/or international organizations that contribute to the awareness of SHM.
 - c. The advocacy and dissemination of knowledge of SHM
 - d. Other evidence of merit which, in the judgment of the Committee, shall have advanced the Society's professional objectives.
- VIII. The additional nomination criteria associated with a Life-Time Achievement Award are as follows:
- a. Objective and lasting professional and/or scientific achievements in the field of SHM that contribute to the awareness of SHM over many years and that define an area of SHM
 - b. The advocacy and dissemination of knowledge of SHM
 - c. Exemplary professional leadership within ISHMII and/or prominent national and/or international organizations that contribute to the awareness of SHM
 - d. An established reputation for professional service
 - e. Other evidence of merit which, in the judgment of the Committee, shall have advanced the Society's professional objectives.
- IX. The ISHMII Central office is charged with confirming the status of a nominee as the initial step of the nomination process. If a nominee does not meet membership criteria, the nominator or a staff or Committee member will be appointed to communicate with the nominee regarding this situation.
- X. This award is to be presented at least once every four years and preferably every other year at the official ISHMII Conference. As deemed necessary, it may be presented more frequently. In such instance, the appropriate venue is an official ISHMII Workshop.

- XI. The Award shall continue to be presented as long as the funds remain available or are supplemented by the Council or President if depleted. The ISHMII Central office is charged with determining the availability of funds and working with the Award vendor.
- XII. If a Best Paper Award is presented to co-authors, the Committee is charged with refining the manner in which the award is presented. Generally the lead author will receive the Award, but all names may be engraved on the presentation box. Award recipients who are not the lead author shall receive a certificate.

To nominate an individual, nominators must at minimum

- Confirm through ISHMII's central office the prospective nominee is a member
- Submit a cover letter, signed by the nominator
- Complete a nomination form, if required.