

IWSHM 2009 – Awards

SHM Lifetime Achievement - Award Description

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An individual in the SHM community who has championed SHM over their career by advancing the state-of-the-art through their meritorious accomplishments in research, applications, education or sponsorship of the discipline will be selected to receive the prestigious *SHM Lifetime Achievement Award* by a committee of researchers, educators and practicing scientists and engineers in conjunction with the International Workshop of SHM Program Committee. The award, criteria, procedure, nomination packet and awards committee are outlined below.

Eligibility: Any individual is eligible to receive the award; however, it is anticipated that only the most distinguished members of the SHM community will possess the rich history of achievement that this prestigious award is intended to recognize.

Evaluation Criterion: In an effort to recognize an assortment of outstanding achievements in SHM by an individual, the evaluation criteria focus on the *impact* of the individual's contributions. Nominees who have made the most impact during their careers in the form of, for example, "citation classic" papers, a fundamental technical advance or invention that has had substantial scientific and/or commercial ramifications, a record of supporting research and developments by establishing strong research or industrial programs, educational programs and mentoring of young people within the community, etc. will be highly considered.

Procedures:

1. Nominations will be solicited every other year or more infrequently based on the decision of the Award Committee in conjunction with the Workshop Program Committee. There will be a period of 30 days during April in which anyone can submit a nomination packet to include the items listed below. The open nomination period will be announced in the winter issue of *SHM: An International Journal*. All nominations must be submitted to the committee chairperson by April 30 in the year of a workshop.
2. The Award Committee has 30 days in May to evaluate nomination packets with supporting material and recommends 0, 1 or 2 awardees to the Workshop Program Committee, which then meets to confer the award(s). *In the first year, the review process will be shortened.* The Chairperson will generate and distribute an evaluation sheet to the Award Committee to provide a uniform standard with which the committee can rank the impact of each nominee's contributions. The completed evaluation sheets will be included in the award recommendation report submitted to the Workshop Program Committee.
3. A short documentary press release and video is assembled by the Award Committee describing the most meritorious contributions of the awardee. An inscription for the plaque to be presented is also written to take into account the unique contributions of the selected winner.
4. The award winner is announced at the Workshop in the same calendar year. A plaque will also be presented to the person of the year at the Stanford and European workshops on SHM. These workshops alternate year to year with the IWSHM being held in September and the EWSHM being held in July.

5. There will be a short editorial in the SHM journal about the person selected for the Lifetime Achievement Award. This editorial will also recognize the recipient of the Person of the Year Award. News releases will also be sent to the individual's former or current institution/organization, professional publications such as ASME, ASCE and AIAA and other engineering news services and publications to reach a broader audience and raise the profile of the award and the SHM community activities as a whole.

Nomination Packet: The nomination packet should include a) a narrative (maximum two 8.5 x 11 single-sided pages, 12 pt. font, single-spaced, one-inch margins) describing the contributions and their *impact*, which should include all figures, references, graphs, citations, etc. and b) exhibits only as required to clearly document the rationale for the narrative statement of nomination (e.g., copies of patents, copies of papers, compelling and specific letter(s) of support from students/sponsors/colleagues, etc. would be appropriate). A template for this nomination packet is provided below. Self-nominations are not permitted.

Perspectives generally represented on Award Committee Review Panel: Faculty members from academic institutions, industrialists with a broad view of technology, researchers with an ability to assess commercial impacts of scholarly research and knowledge of SHM and its unique mission.

Award: Cash prize and a plaque with inscription.

2009 SHM Lifetime Achievement Award – Call for Nominations

An individual in the SHM community will be presented with the prestigious *SHM Lifetime Achievement Award* for meritorious accomplishments in research, technology, education and service in the discipline at The International Workshop on SHM to be held at Stanford University in September, 2009.

The *Lifetime Achievement Award* was established in 2003 to recognize outstanding accomplishments by an individual in SHM over their career. The evaluation criteria of the award focus on the overall *impact* of the individual's contributions in the form of research, technology transfer, education and service. The Award Selection Committee consists of faculty members from academia, industrialists with a broad view of technology and researchers with an ability to assess commercial impacts of technology. The Committee is soliciting nominations until **May 31, 2009** from the SHM community and will select a winner to be presented with the award at the 2009 workshop.

Please forward your nominations electronically to the committee chairperson, Chuck Farrar at farrar@lanl.gov, by **May 31, 2009**. Nominators are required to use a template that can be downloaded here to develop their three page nomination document.