

Person of the Year Nomination and Selection Procedure

Spring 2009

A structural health monitoring person of the year (SHM-POY) will be selected by the editors and associate editors of Structural Health Monitoring: An International Journal.

A. The nomination criteria are as follows:

1. The Person of the Year should have made an outstanding contribution to the field of SHM that will benefit society. This contribution can be in the form of theory, analysis, applications, education, or other ways that support the discipline of SHM and benefit society.
2. The award is meant to recognize accomplishments within the past year or few years.

B. The nomination procedure is as follows:

1. The current open period for nominations is February, March, and April each year.
2. Anyone can submit a nomination letter for the person of the year. A strawman format for the nomination letter is inserted at the end of this document
3. The nomination letters should be submitted by email to the SHM POY committee chair Dr. Douglas Adams (deadams@purdue.edu). A log of the nominations will be compiled.

C. The selection procedure is as follows:

1. The letters of nomination will be sent to all associate editors and the editorial board. The editors will have one month (June each year) to review the nominations and vote for their top three choices for the person of the year.
2. The Editor-in-Chief, scientific editor, and managing editor will review the nominations and the voting by the associate editors and based on the nominations and the responses of the associate editors make the final decision for the person of the year. The decision will be made by each of the three editors of SHM selecting one person as the person of the year. If there is not a majority (2 of 3 editors) selecting the same person, the Editor-in-Chief will make the final decision for the person of the year.

D. The award presentation procedure is as follows:

1. The SHM POY award consists of a plaque to be presented at the SHM workshops, alternately held in Stanford and in Europe. The Stanford SHM workshops are held in September, the European SHM workshops are held in July.
2. There will be a short editorial in the SHM journal about the person selected each year for the award. This editorial will also recognize the person selected for the lifetime achievement award. (The lifetime achievement award is independent of the SHM journal.)

Nomination letter strawman format:

Page limit (four letter-size pages, 1 inch margins, Times Roman 12 font)

Contents:

1. Candidate's bio as it relates to SHM
2. Key Accomplishments in the last 3 years (theory)
3. Key accomplishments in the last 3 years (analysis)
4. Key Accomplishments in the last 3 years (applications)
5. Key Accomplishments in the last 3 years (education)
6. Key Accomplishments in the last 3 years (other)
7. Other attribute of the candidate or personal statement to be considered in the selection process
8. Closing summary of what sets this candidate apart from others in the field

A full CV of the candidate may be also attached at nominator's discretion.