

## **Hans Cloos Medal**

1. The Hans Cloos Medal is the senior award presented by IAEG, given to an engineering geologist of outstanding merit in commemoration of the "founder of geomechanics". The recipient should therefore be a person of international repute who has made a major contribution to engineering geology in his/her written papers or to the development of engineering geology and/or the IAEG in their own area.

2. The Hans Cloos Medal consists of a suitably engraved medal, including the name of the recipient, together, with a certificate honouring the contribution of the recipient to engineering geology.

3. The Medal will be awarded biannually (every two years). A call for nominations will be made by the Secretary General well in advance of the closing date and published in the IAEG Newsletter.

3.1. Candidates should be members of IAEG. Nomination will normally be made by a National Group but members of the Executive Committee and Council may also propose individuals.

3.2. Nominations must be sent to the Secretary General of IAEG not later than 60 days prior to the Council meeting to be held in the year preceding that scheduled for the Award.

3.3. The nominator should provide :

- a) a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae ;
- b) a list of publications ;
- c) a statement of support for the nominee which should not be longer than two single spaced typed A4 pages.

4. The Secretary General will distribute a copy of each nomination (curriculum vitae and statement of support) to members of the Executive Committee for consideration and ranking, together with a notification of a timetable for the evaluation and processing in order to ensure the timely notification of the successful candidate.

4.1. Whenever possible, the selection of the candidate will be made at the annual meeting of the Executive Committee. In making their decision, members of the Executive Committee should take account of the scientific merit of the nominated published work or works and the professional standing of the candidate within his or her own National Group and the IAEG.

4.2. In order to be awarded the Medal, a candidate must secure the votes of two-thirds of the Executive Committee. If no winner emerges, a second ballot will be held. If a third ballot is necessary, the votes of three-fifths of the Committee will be deemed

sufficient. If they consider no suitable candidate has been nominated, the Executive Committee may decline to award the Hans Cloos Medal in that year.

5. The decision of the Executive Committee will be confidential until the President has written to the recipient informing him and his National Group of the award. On receiving his acceptance, the President will write to all other National Groups who have nominated a candidate informing them of the decision. Subsequently, the Secretary General will write to the remaining National Groups informing them of the name of the recipient, which will also be published in the following Newsletter.

6. An unsuccessful candidate may be re-nominated for a later award provided all the conditions are met on that subsequent occasion.

7. The formal presentation will normally take place during the IAEG International Congress or the General Assembly of IAEG at the time of the International Geological Congress.

7.1. The National Group responsible for the organisation of the IAEG event at which the presentation is to be made must invite the recipient of the Medal to attend as a guest and pay for any registration fee and accommodation costs involved in their attendance.

7.2. If not otherwise covered by the recipient's employer or National Group, the travel costs incurred in receiving the award will be reimbursed by the IAEG through the Treasurer.