

AWARDING THE ROBERT L'HERMITE MEDAL

It is RILEM objective to gather together the most eminent specialists throughout the world in the fields of construction materials and structures. Aiming for excellence in all its activities, RILEM awards this recognized distinction annually.

Each year, the **Robert L'Hermite Medal** is awarded to a researcher of less than 40 years - not necessarily a member of the Association – who has performed high level scientific research in the field of construction materials and structures.

Jury Membership

The Jury to select the Robert L'Hermite Medalist and the Gustavo Colonnetti Medalist(s) is composed of:

1. The Chair of the TAC (Chairperson)
2. The Editor in Chief of our scientific journal *Materials & Structures*
3. Two experts appointed by the RILEM Bureau under the proposal of the TAC

The Jury will meet electronically in January and presents its preferred selection to the Bureau of RILEM.

Criteria

The following criteria apply to the candidates:

1. They must have performed high level scientific research in the field of construction materials and structures.
2. Their curriculum must show proof of (i) research quality and productivity, (ii) research relevance and impact, (iii) leadership and service to the scientific community.
3. They should be under the age of 40 years, when submitting their evaluation package (evaluation package listed in the letter sent to each possible candidate). Extension of the maximum age can be given for circumstances that have caused a delay of the scientific career, including one year per child for parental leave for women and 3 months for men and long sickness leave, up to 3 years.
4. They should not have received the Colonnetti medal in the 3 years preceding their application for the L'Hermite medal (e.g. to apply for the 2021 L'Hermite medal, they should not have received the Colonnetti medal in the year 2018 or later).

The list of candidates is sent to the members of the Jury at the beginning of the year before the Jury convenes.

In its final selection, the Jury must state the specific field of research, for which the candidate has been selected for the award and should emphasize the specific link with RILEM fields of activity and interest. This written summarized information should be presented to the Bureau, as a basis for the final decision and for further use and notification through *Materials & Structures*, News on our website, RILEM Newsletter, and social media.

In keeping with RILEM overall quality strategy, it should be stressed that the candidate selected must truly merit the award for exceptional contributions to his field of research. If, for a given year, the Jury does not consider that any of the candidates meet this criterion, then it is possible not to award the Robert L'Hermite Medal for that year.

If two candidates have made truly remarkable presentations during the same year, then the Jury should notify the Bureau that the candidate not selected for the award in that year should be taken into consideration for the following year, if the age limit has not been passed. This notification to the Bureau should be detailed by the Jury for direct use by the new Jury of the following year.

Privileges of the Robert L'Hermite Medalist

Once the jury has chosen the L'Hermite medalist, the result is announced on RILEM's social networks. She/He is invited to give a lecture during the RILEM Technical Day of the RILEM Annual Week following the nomination. This lecture, which has to be in the theme for which the Medalist has been awarded is recorded and up-

loaded on RILEM YouTube channel afterwards. It is to be published as an open access paper in an issue of our journal *Materials & Structures*.

In case the laureate is not yet a RILEM individual member, the laureate will be offered a 2 years free membership.

Annex: Jury and submission procedures for the 2021 Robert L'Hermite Medal

Deadline for having researchers submitting their evaluation package:

15 December 2020 at 12:00 U.T.C.

Mailing address for the evaluation package (only electronic submission is accepted):

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Attention:

Mrs. Judith Hardy
RILEM Secretary General

Subject:

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Evaluation package (pdf files of each of the following documents):

- ❑ A detailed curriculum vitae of the candidate, including birth date and ORCID number. If appropriate, a short mention of circumstances that have caused a delay of a scientific career should be made next to the birth date. Application must be no longer than 20 pages including
 - a description of the research (describing the candidate's most important research topics and achievements),
 - a list of publications, (with a clear distinction between the different types of publications),
 - patents, important project grants, awards, ... (this additional information is not considered as necessary criterion to be medallist)
 - a statement to prove the research relevance and impact, as well as leadership and service to the scientific community (including an overview of supervised PhD students and/or supervised industrial projects)
 - relation/contribution to RILEM.
- ❑ In the authorship of manuscripts /grants /collaborative research a paragraph should be added clarifying the candidate's own contribution, versus contribution of the candidate's current or former supervisor, and current or former students/researchers that the candidate has supervised. A portrait photo of the candidate (jpeg high definition photograph)

The Jury 2021 will meet in January 2021.