

AWARDING THE ROBERT L'HERMITE MEDAL 2024

It is RILEM objective to gather the most eminent specialists across the world in the fields of construction materials and structures. Aiming for excellence in all its activities, RILEM awards this recognised 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 Technical Activities Committee (TAC) (Chairperson)
2. The Editor in Chief of our scientific journal Materials & Structures
3. Two experts appointed by the RILEM Bureau on the proposal of the TAC

The list of candidates is sent to the members of the Jury at the beginning of the year before the Jury convenes. In case a conflict of interest would appear after submission by candidates, the composition of the Jury will be revised at that time. The Jury will meet electronically in January and inform by email the Bureau members of RILEM of its selection.

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, preferably including one or more publications in Materials & 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 in 2023, born in 1984 or after.**
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 birth parents, or for non-birth parents who took primary caring responsibility after adoption or surrogacy, and three months per child for other non-birth parents and up to 3 years for a long sick leave.
4. They should not have received the Gustavo Colonnetti medal in the 3 years preceding their application for the Robert L'Hermite medal as the honor cannot be awarded twice for the same work (e.g. to apply for the **2024** L'Hermite medal, they should not have received the Colonnetti medal in the year **2021 or later**).

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 used for 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 her/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 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 Annual Week following the nomination. This lecture, which should be in the theme for which the Medalist has been awarded, is recorded and uploaded on the RILEM YouTube channel afterwards. A paper related to the text of the lecture is also invited 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 two-year free membership.

ANNEX: Jury and submission procedures for the 2024 Robert L’Hermite Medal

Deadline for having researchers submitting their evaluation package:

30 November 2023 at 12:00 U.T.C.

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

j.hardy@rilem.org

Attention:

Mrs. Judith Hardy
RILEM Secretary General

Subject:

2024 RILEM MEDAL/name of the medal you are applying for

Evaluation package:

- ❑ a one- or two-page **cover letter** describing the candidate’s most important research topics and achievements. If appropriate, a short mention of circumstances that may have caused a delay of their scientific career should be made. (One- or two-page pdf file)
- ❑ 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 and/or important project grants, if applicable). Any relation and/or contribution to RILEM should be included in this statement. Finally, a section should be included 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. (Maximum 10 pages pdf file)
- ❑ **RILEM medal application file** completed (L’Hermite and Colonnetti medals application file)
- ❑ a **list of publications** (with a clear distinction between the different types of publications), patents, awards (PDF file)
- ❑ a **portrait photo** of the candidate (Jpeg photograph)

The Jury will meet in January 2024.