



AWARDING THE GUSTAVO COLONNETTI MEDAL 2026

Each year, up to two **Gustavo Colonnetti Medals** are awarded to researchers of less than 35 years - not necessarily members of the RILEM Association – who have performed high-level scientific research in the field of construction materials and structures.

Jury Membership

The Jury to select the Gustavo Colonnetti Medalist(s) is composed of:

1. The Chair of the Technical Activities Committee (TAC) (Chairperson)
2. The Editor in Chief of Materials & Structures (MS)
3. The Editor in Chief of RILEM Technical Letters (RTL)
4. Three experts appointed by the RILEM Bureau based on the proposal of the TAC.

The list of candidates is sent to the members of the Jury soon after submissions are received. Jury members will then identify conflict of interest cases (i.e. family, friends, collaborators, same institution etc.). Should such case(s) arise, the composition of the Jury will be revised at that time. The Jury will meet online 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.
2. **They should be under the age of 35 years in 2025, born in 1991 or after.**
Extensions to the age limit may be granted in cases of documented career interruptions.

Eligible interruptions include, but are not limited to:

- Parental leave (gestational or non-gestational)
- Adoption leave
- Extended medical leave or treatment
- Time dedicated to the care of a seriously ill family member

Applicants must specify the exact duration of each interruption (e.g., "6 months parental leave in 2020") and provide a brief description of its impact on their career.

The total extension granted shall not exceed three years.

RILEM places full trust in applicants to report career interruptions fairly and accurately. Female applicants are particularly encouraged to make full use of this provision, as RILEM is strongly committed to promoting gender equity and actively supports the increased participation of women.

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 as well as the submitted photograph of the applicant will be used for notification through news on the RILEM Website, newsletter, and social media.

In keeping with RILEM overall quality strategy, it should be stressed that the selected awardees must truly merit the award for exceptional contributions to their fields 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 any Gustavo Colonnetti Medals for that year.

Privileges and duties of the Gustavo Colonnetti Medalists

Once the jury has chosen the Colonnetti medalists, the result is announced on RILEM's social networks. They are invited to give a lecture during the RILEM Spring Convention in March/April. These lectures, which should be in the theme for which the Medalist has been awarded, are recorded and uploaded on RILEM YouTube channel afterwards.

Colonnetti medalist(s) from countries with low GDP per capita (see list on [RILEM Website](#)) will receive a lump sum of 2000 Euros for travel, accommodation & conference registration at next RILEM Spring meeting.

The laureate(s) will be required to submit a letter in the Open Access Journal RILEM Technical Letters with no publication fees.

In case the laureate(s) is not yet a RILEM individual member, the laureate(s) will be offered a two-year free membership.

ANNEX: Jury and submission procedures for the 2026 Gustavo Colonnetti Medal

Deadline for having researchers submitting their evaluation package:

31st October 2025 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:

2026 RILEM MEDAL/name of the medal you are applying for

Evaluation package:

- ❑ **Curriculum Vitae: maximum ten pages, in bullet points style and PDF format:**
 - 1) **Personal Information:** Full name (clearly identify first name and family name), gender, contact details, and current affiliation.
 - 2) **Education:** List of degrees with dates, institutions, country, and significant academic honors.
 - 3) **Research / Professional / Industry Experience:** List relevant positions (position, institution, country, duration), include where relevant, leadership roles in research, projects, and collaborations.
 - 4) **Awards and Honors:** Recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of materials science and engineering.
 - 5) **Membership and Service Contributions:** Involvement in scientific organizations (including RILEM), leadership in conferences, committees, editorial boards, or other professional activities.
 - 6) **Collaborations and Partnerships:** If applicable, mention any interdisciplinary collaborations or partnerships with industry, government, or other research organizations that have contributed to advancing knowledge in construction materials
 - 7) **Regarding the age criteria** and if appropriate, a short mention of circumstances that may have caused a delay of a scientific career should be made.
 - 8) **3 references** (non-necessarily members of RILEM) that might be contacted by the Jury, including full names, affiliation and email address.
- ❑ **Publications, Presentations, and Patents: concise list, in PDF format, of key publications or patents that have advanced knowledge in the field.**

- 1) **Key Publications:** Include peer-reviewed journal articles, books, book chapters, conference papers, presentations (i.e. invited, plenary, keynote, conference) that have significantly advanced understanding or practice in construction materials or related fields. Make a clear distinction between the different types of publications.
State the **supervisors'** names with underlining and bold formatting, and the names of the **supervised individuals** with bold formatting only.
 - 2) **Patents:** List patents granted for new technologies, techniques, or processes that have contributed to the field. Highlight patents with industrial or commercial relevance, particularly those that have been applied or licensed. If applicable, include the patent title, patent number, and the year it was granted to provide full reference details.
Distinguish the inventor's name by using underlining and bold formatting, and the name of any co-inventors by using bold formatting only.
- ❑ **Statement: maximum six pages, in PDF format, of 3-5 most significant professional (research and or industry) contributions, and most significant leadership roles (including involvement in RILEM if applicable). This statement shall explain why the data reported in the CV are significant.**
 - ❑ **RILEM medal application Excel file completed (L'Hermite and Colonnetti medals application file)**
 - ❑ **Portrait photo of the candidate (Jpeg photograph)**