

CONDITIONS ITA COSUF AWARD

The ITA COSUF award is granted annually to a student, young professional or researcher (less than 35 years old at the deadline of the application) who has recently completed an outstanding research work in theory and / or practice in the area of operational safety or security of underground facilities. If the research work belongs to a group of young researchers, the group can apply under the condition that all applicants are less than 35 years old.

The award is ceremoniously presented and handed over by ITA COSUF chairman at an ITA COSUF event. The chairman outlines the reasons for the decision and congratulates the winner. The award consists of a certificate and 1000 € in cash. ITA COSUF also grants the travel and accommodation to attend the award ceremony. The award winner is invited to present his/her work at the same event. Additionally, he/she is asked to draft a 2-page contribution for the ITA COSUF Newsletter and website. If the award winner is a team, only one team member (the team leader) is granted for travel and accommodation by ITA COSUF.

The winner of the award is selected by the ITA COSUF steering board. Eligible for the award are those works that are specifically aimed at safety or security of underground facilities in operation, preferably reflecting an interdisciplinary approach. Among other criteria, the selected works should:

- describe new aspects in the area of safety in operation and/or security in underground facilities,
- have been completed for **no more than two years before the time of the application**,
- be of outstanding quality, including clear and concise descriptions of the objectives, scientific basis, work steps, results achieved and their relation to the current state of the art,
- be significant and represent a unique contribution.

Candidates need not be ITA COSUF members. Applications for the award must be sent to the ITA secretariat. They shall include:

- curriculum vitae (in English),
- description of work done in the field of safety in operation and/or security of underground facilities (in English),
- documents and publications produced by the applicant,
- any other document, certificate, etc. deemed useful to support the application.

ITA COSUF AWARD 2016

The deadline for application is 29 February 2016 (receipt of the application file by the ITA secretariat). The selection of the winner will be made by the ITA COSUF steering board by 15 April 2016. The award will be handed over during the ITA COSUF workshop which will take place during a ITA COSUF Workshop in Fall 2016¹. The nominee will give a short presentation of his/her work at a plenary session of the workshop.

¹ The exact time and place (in Europe) will be determined by the Steering Board most likely on 3 February 2016.

Instruction to those who want to nominate a candidate to the ITA-COSUF Award 2016:

- 1) Please state your name and affiliation
- 2) Please state the name, age and affiliation of the award nominee
- 3) The application should include:
 - curriculum vitae, max 2A4 (in English),
 - description of work done in the field of safety in operation and/or security of underground facilities, max 1A4 (in English),
 - list of documents and publications produced by the applicant (no limit)
 - any other document, certificate, etc. deemed useful to support the application.
- 4) Applications for the award must be sent to the ITA secretariat prior to 28th of February 2016 to; secretariat@ita-aites.org (receipt of the application file by the ITA secretariat)

The criteria of the ITA-COSUF steering board for the Award are as follows:

- new aspects in the area of safety in operation and/or security in underground facilities,
- completion for no more than two years before the time of the application, be of outstanding quality, including clear and concise descriptions of the objectives,
- scientific basis, work steps, results achieved and their relation to the current state of the art, be significant and represent a unique
- contribution.

Note that:

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