

BGA 2nd Sponsored Place to YGEC 2016

Rules and notes for entrants

Introduction

Following the successful introduction of the regional group nominations, the BGA will again be offering sponsorship to the European Young Geotechnical Engineer's conference (EYGEC) for the best paper on a geotechnical topic gathered from the ICE regional geotechnical groups. The 2016 event will be the 25th European conference and will be held in Sibiu, Romania from 21-24 June.

Eligibility

The competition is open to student or full members of the BGA who are nominated by their regional group in respect of a paper, poster or presentation that has been prepared and submitted during the calendar year up to the competition closing date 31st December 2015.

To meet the ISSMGE guidelines for "young" members for the YGEC the nominees will need to be aged less than 35 on the 31st December 2016.

Judging

Entries will be judged by a panel of members of the BGA Executive Committee. The panel will contain both practising geotechnical engineers and academics.

Entries will be assessed using a range of criteria, including: scientific quality; originality; depth and breadth of understanding; standard of presentation; practical significance.

The BGA reserves the right not to make award of sponsorship.

Procedure

1. There is a limit of one entry per regional group, the expectation being that this would be the top-ranking paper / presentation emerging from the group's own competition(s).
2. The entry should be submitted by a Committee member of the regional group on behalf of the entrant.
3. The entry should consist of a covering email with two attachments, both in PDF format;
 - a) An abstract of the proposed paper, as submitted for assessment;
 - b) A letter from the regional group (or other supervisor nominated by the group), briefly outlining why the paper is considered worthy of sponsorship.
4. The entry should be sent in PDF format to bga@britishgeotech.org.uk
5. The closing date for entries is Friday 29th January 2016.
6. The outcome will be notified in March 2016.
7. The successful entrant will be required to make submissions to the conference organising committee in the required format.