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1 Introduction

This document provides the rules for the Thomas Medal award.

2 Purpose of the award

The Thomas Medal award, established in 1997 and sponsored by the American Welding Society (AWS), commemorates over 50 years of involvement in IIW by the Thomas family, first by R. D. Thomas Sr., later by R. D. Thomas Jr., and their promotion of international standardisation in the field of welding and allied processes.

The Medal is awarded to an individual who has been involved in IIW or ISO international standards activities and requires the delivery of a lecture that illustrates the incorporation of global studies into international standardisation of welding and allied processes.

The Medal is presented at the IIW Annual Assembly and the lecture is delivered at a special session of the autumn meeting of the American Council of the IIW (ACI IW).

The following criteria provide the rules for the evaluation and selection of the recipient of the award.

3 Eligibility

- a - The candidate shall demonstrate personal involvement in IIW or ISO committee meetings and shall have contributed to international standardisation in the field of welding and allied processes.
- b - The candidate shall be recognised by his/her peers as having actively promoted international standardisation over a period of at least six (6) years.
- c - The candidate shall be considered as a preeminent person in international standardisation.
- d - The candidate shall exhibit leadership in international standardisation work by demonstrating abilities to influence and promote consensus in international standards development.
- e - The candidate shall be willing and able to deliver a lecture which exemplifies global studies leading to international standardisation in the field of welding and allied processes, or one that makes a significant case for international standardisation.
- f - Individuals who are currently serving on the IIW Board of Directors shall **not** be eligible for nomination for the award.
- g - The award shall **not** be granted posthumously.

4 Nomination procedure

A Call for Nominations shall be launched by the IIW Secretariat in the year prior to that of the award (1).

Nominations may be made by IIW Member Societies, IIW Working Units (including WG STAND) and ISO committees and shall be submitted to the IIW Secretariat.

Applications shall contain the following elements:

- 70-100 words maximum covering the candidate’s background in international standardization in the field of welding and allied processes
- Curriculum Vitae.

The IIW Secretariat shall forward the nominations to the IIW Standardisation Officer (IIW SO), in his/her capacity as Secretary of WG-STAND (2).

The IIW SO shall transmit the nominations to the members of the Award Panel (3).

5 Award Panel

The Working Group-Standardisation (WG-STAND) shall appoint a “Thomas Medal Award Panel” (Award Panel) to review nominations and propose a candidate.

The Award Panel shall be comprised of at least three WG-STAND members, who should preferably all be past recipients of the award. The Award Panel Chair shall be a previous winner of the award. If a member of the Award Panel is nominated in a particular year, he/she shall immediately withdraw from the Award Panel and a replacement shall be appointed by the WG-STAND Chair.

6 Selection Procedure

The Award Panel shall review the nominations and, if at least one nomination is acceptable, shall select a principal candidate based on the aforementioned criteria (4).

The Award Panel may also identify a back-up candidate (if acceptable) for consideration in the event that the principal candidate is unwilling, or unable, to accept the award (see below). The Award Panel may consider the back-up candidate for the award in the following year if not pursued in the current award year.

The name of the principal candidate shall be communicated to WG-STAND by the IIW SO for its approval (5). If approved (6), the IIW SO shall transmit the name of the principal nominee to the IIW TMB (7), for endorsement (8). The IIW TMB shall transmit this information to the IIW Board of Directors for endorsement (8).

After endorsement by the IIW TMB and the IIW Board of Directors (8), the IIW Secretariat shall inform the recipient that he/she has won the award and shall seek his/her agreement to deliver the lecture at the special session of the autumn meeting of the ACIWI (9). The IIW Secretariat shall also inform AWS of the winner’s name (10).

AWS shall inform the winner about the logistical details related to the presentation to be made at its autumn meeting (11).

The Thomas Medal shall be presented to the winner by the AWS President (or the President’s designee) at the Opening Ceremony of the IIW Annual Assembly (12).

The winner shall present his/her lecture at the autumn meeting of the ACIWI (13).

In the event that the principal candidate is unwilling, or unable, to accept the award, the Chair of the Award Panel shall be notified and, if a back-up candidate had previously been selected, the name of the back-up candidate shall be provided to the IIW SO for processing.



The IIW SO shall conduct an enquiry amongst the Members of WG-STAND to gain approval of the back-up candidate.

If accepted, the IIW SO shall inform the IIW TMB Chair and the IIW Secretariat who shall organise a vote amongst the members of the IIW TMB. If the back-up nomination is endorsed, the IIW Secretariat shall arrange for ratification by the IIW Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors shall be informed.

The IIW Secretariat shall then inform the back-up candidate that he/she is the winner.

Should the back-up candidate be unable to accept the award, the award shall not be conferred in that year.

7 Timescale

The following table summarises the different steps of the procedure.

Number	Action	Responsibility	Deadline
1	Call for nominations	IIW Secretariat	September (award year-1)
2	Transmission of nominations to IIW SO	IIW Secretariat	30 November (award year-1)
3	Transmission of nominations to the Thomas Medal Award Panel	IIW SO	2nd week of December (award year-1)
4	Review of nominations	Thomas Medal Award Panel	2nd week of January (award year)
5	Proposal by the Thomas Medal Award Panel to WG-STAND	Thomas Medal Award Panel	WG-Stand (winter intermediate meeting of award year)
6	Approval of the Thomas Medal Award Panel's proposal	WG-STAND	WG-Stand (winter intermediate meeting of award year)
7	Communication of the winner's name to the TMB	IIW SO	TMB (winter intermediate meeting of award year)
8	Endorsement of WG-Stand proposal	TMB + IIW Board of Directors	TMB and IIW Board of Directors (winter intermediate meetings of award year)
9	Thomas Medal winner notified	IIW Secretariat	End of March (award year)
10	AWS notified of Thomas Medal winner	IIW Secretariat	End of March (award year)
11	Winner notified about logistical details for AWS meeting	AWS	End of April (award year)



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12	Presentation of the Thomas Medal	AWS	IIW Annual Assembly
13	Delivery of the Thomas Medal Lecture	Winner	Week of AWS Annual Meeting

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