I. BACKGROUND

On the recommendation of PCSPO and PCTA to IEC about the instituting of Award for ‘Best Performing Workbody’, 54th IEC in Montpellier, France approved the setting up of a Best Performing Workbody Award (BPWA) and its criteria to be awarded on 19 September 2003. This award will be presented at every Congress based on the various facets demonstrated by the Workbodies in between two Congresses. At the 55th IEC meeting held in Moscow, Russia on 11 September 2004, the composition the Panel of Judges (PoJ) for BPWA was approved.

II. SCOPE AND OBJECTIVE

The objective of institution of Best Performing Workbody Award (BPWA) was to acknowledge the contributions of the well-performing workbodies that are not adequately recognized. It was felt that a proper appreciation would generate a multiplier effect. The workbodies which perform well, need to be encouraged further to enable them to continue their peak level of performance, while others which are not able to perform so well due to one reason or the other, need to be motivated to strive and attain excellence in performance, shoulder to shoulder with better performing Workbodies. A healthy competition and timely recognition of excellence, would provide incentive and an opportunity for introspection, for defining the constraints and to target removal of weaknesses, if any.

(a) The Award

The Award consists of:

- Citation / Certificate / Plaque to each member of the Workbody (as per the latest membership composition) and publicizing the Award winning WG through a webpage on the ICID website.
- Free publications of decided value to each member of the WG.

(b) Dissemination of the awarded works

The Jury may identify the works/publications cited in the nomination form credited to/brought out by the winner Workbody that may be disseminated among ICID fraternity as part of Knowledge Dissemination, one of the means for fulfilling ICID’s mission, through ICID website, and periodicals brought out from time to time.

III. PROCEDURE

(a) Application

Nominations for the Award are invited from the Chairpersons of the Workbodies for the work carried out by their workbody during the period between the immediate past Congress and the forthcoming Congress.

The Secretary General can also invite the Chairpersons of the Workbodies identified by one of the Office Bearers in writing (e-mail) to submit nominations, provided the same is received by the Secretary General within 15 days of the call for nominations.

Nominations shall comply with the following rules:

(i) Workbodies which have received the award for their performance in the past shall be eligible to apply again only after 10 years from the date of receipt of last award.
(ii) A completed Nomination Form listing the information under factors shall be submitted by the Chair of the concerned Workbody.
(iii) Name of all the member(s) of the workbody contributing at least for the last three years to the activities of the workbody.
(iv) Entries should be sent electronically to the Secretary General, ICID so as to reach Central Office, New Delhi, on or before the Last Date announced by the Secretary General.

(b) The time schedule

Following time schedule for receipt of applications and announcement of the BPWA should be adhered to as far as possible:

- Last date for receipt of nominations - 120 days prior to Congress date
- Review by the Panel of Judges - Within 60 days from the Last Date
- Declaration/Announcement of the Award - 45 days prior to IEC date.
(c) Jury

The nominations shall be adjudicated by the Panel of Judges comprising of the members holding the following positions in ICID:

1. President, ICID - Chairman
2. Immediate Past President, ICID - Member
3. PCTA Chair - Member
4. PCSO Chair - Member
5. Secretary General - Member-Secretary

The PoJs will communicate with each other by e-mail, evaluate the nominations, and provide the result by the specified date for evaluation or in advance for preparing Citation Plaques, and for other formalities.

The decision of the PoJs as arrived at through the above process will be final and binding. No discussion or correspondence relating to the award will be entered into.

(d) Evaluation Criterion

The criteria for evaluation of the nominations received for BPWA is based on the various facets demonstrated by the workbodies in between two Congresses, i.e. from the last Congress to the date of submission of the nomination, as per the following factors prescribed and evolved over the years since its inception:

1. Proportion of members on the Workbody from industrialized and developing countries.
2. Membership of Young Professionals and Women in the Workbody.
3. Technical publications brought out by Workbody
   (a) Between two Congress years
   (b) From the year of Congress Up to the date of nomination
4. Number of publications with titles, under preparation by Workbody.
5. Timely achievements of targets set out by the Workbody in its rolling plans.
6. Newsletter/Website of the workbody, if any, and services offered through it.
7. Attendance of members at meetings and/or their contribution to activities of the IEC Workbody.
8. Workshops/Special Sessions organized/sponsored by Workbody at IEC meetings/ICID Congress.
9. Workbody contributions to new initiatives of ICID.
10. Participation/contribution of Workbody members in other International Programs.
11. Papers submitted by Workbody members to ICID Conferences/ICID Journal/other Journals.

(e) Financial

Central Office shall make adequate provisions in ICID annual budget as appropriate to arrange for the award, like preparation of the citation plaques, certificates and decided value of publications to each member of the winning workbody.

(f) Contact

ICID Central Office may be contacted for further information on BPWA,

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