



REGULATIONS -
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European Irrigation Association AWARD

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The mission of the EIA (European Irrigation Association), a non-profit European organization, is to improve the products, practices and services used to manage water resources and to contribute to the global improvement of the environment. The EIA informs and collaborates with European Agriculture, Landscape and Golf industries to promote the conservation, distribution and recovery of water resources for economical needs.

EIA organizes a contest to recognize and promote the irrigation industry's most innovative products or services for environmental sustainability. The contest is open to all companies that are member or not of EIA which have built innovative product, equipment, site, project or design that promote water and energy savings.

An impartial, international commission of recognized experts will decide which products or services are to be awarded an EIA Contest. The awards will be presented during an attention-grabbing ceremony during the EIMA show in Bologna.

Register for the EIA contest!

Acceptance of the regulations and observance of the deadlines set out in the EIA contest regulations is a precondition for participation. Please read the award and test regulations carefully.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 10/10/2014

No submissions received after this date can be considered. You can submit products and services by email.

Please complete the Submission form fully and return it together with the supporting documents and photos via e-mail to info@irrigationeurope.eu. Submissions should be registered in English only. Submissions can be made up to 11.00p.m. on the final date for submissions.

We shall inform you by early November 2014 whether your innovation has won an award. Any recourse to a court of law is excluded.

Participation fee

The fee for participating in the EIA Awards is €100 per submission.

Our service spotlights your award winning product/service !

We will publish the results of the campaign in our website www.irrigationeurope.eu offering a professional platform. As free publicity material we shall provide you with the digitized EIA Award logos. We also provide you with an Award Plaque for highlighting your award-winning product/service.

AWARD REGULATIONS FOR THE EIA AWARD CONTEST

1. Goal and areas of responsibility

The Innovations Campaign is organized by EIA. An impartial, international jury appointed by EIA and made up of recognized consultants, scientists and non profit associations is responsible for the award decision.

2. Participants

All firms registered as manufacturer, distributor, contractor or consultant whose products/service fall within the sectors listed below may participate.

All participants shall pay an application fee of 50€ for each submission. Acceptance of participation will only be possible when the submission fee has been duly paid.

3. Admission of products/services

Only Irrigation products or services from the following applications shall be admitted:

1. Landscape (Turf) Irrigation (municipal, residential, sports)
2. Golf Irrigation
3. Agriculture (Ag) Irrigation
4. Do It Yourself (DIY) Irrigation

The products or services will be awarded in the following categories

1. Manufacturer
2. Distributor
3. Contractor
4. Designer/Specifier

Assessment Guidelines for Awards

The awards will be given for products, projects or services that show improvements, preferably certified by third bodies, on the following aspects: functionality, use, technical design, environmental impact, quality, water saving, energy saving. Award winning products or services must be operable at the time of the contest and available on the market in 2014.

Exclusion

All products or services that cannot be allocated to any of the sectors under §Admission will be excluded from the EIA contest. If the submission for the EIA contest is faulty in execution and/or if the reasons given are not sufficiently well founded, the submission will be excluded from the EIA contest.

4. Submission procedure

A separate form must be completed for each innovation. You can submit products and services by email. Please complete the Submission form fully and return it together with the supporting documents and photos via e-mail to info@irrigationeurope.eu . Submissions should be registered in English only. Submissions can be made up to 11.00p.m. on the final date for submissions. Joint submissions are possible. In such cases the submission must be marked as a joint submission and all the partners must be named. The innovation will be shown as a joint submission with all the partners involved.

The submission together with the submission form, photos, sketches and brochures must be submitted in digital files for the responsible members of the commission with a clear presentation of what is new and the advantage. The Form B, summary of the most important facts, is to be completed carefully. This must show the innovative achievement. That is why your submission forms should make it clear what is new and advantageous about the product or service submitted. The novel product properties should be described plausibly and if possible be documented by impartial test results.

Visuals

For illustration in the media and to assist the Commission in its selection work, a maximum of 5 pictures in optimal quality and jpg format should be attached as a print or as a file (300 dpi). All publication and reproduction rights are to be transferred to EIA.

Binding deadline for submissions

All documents must be received by the stated deadline by mail to info@irrigationeurope.eu

Any submission received after the deadline shall not be eligible for consideration.

Participants must ensure that copyrights are protected and relevant patents registered for the submissions presented.

EIA assures exhibitors that all documents submitted will be treated in strictest confidence. The commission's decision with the reasons for award will only be published at the end of November 2014.

5. Testing principles

EIA shall appoint a commission made up of recognized experts and practitioners for the sectors listed under § Admission to assess the innovations. The commission shall satisfy the following criteria: it shall be:

- Independent and impartial,
- Competent to assess proposed innovations,
- Oriented to practice;
- On the basis of the documents submitted the commission shall reach an assessment in accordance with § Admission.

6. Award of the medals

The decision on awards shall be taken in accordance with the Guidelines for the award of medals. The decision of the commission shall be final. In the event that no award is issued, the commission shall not be obliged to inform the exhibitor of the reasons for rejection. Details shall remain strictly confidential. None of the documents submitted will be returned. There may be no recourse to a court of law. Award-winners shall receive a certificate and a medal for each award-winning product. If a joint submission wins an award, each of the participating companies will be presented with a certificate and a medal.

Award

The Awards and the certificates shall be presented with promotional impact at an EIA ceremony on 13 November 2014 during the EIMA show in Bologna.

Publication

The names of all award winners and their award-winning products will be published by EIA in the trade press. There is no legal claim to publication. The award-winning innovations shall be presented in recognized Irrigation Media with photos and the commission's reasons for the award. All company innovations submitted shall be listed separately. The commission reserves the right to exclude from the list products submitted whose degree of innovation does not appear sufficient.

7. Publicity with award-winning products

Publicity and promotion are voluntary and admissible with

- the certificate
- the award (colour or black-and-white)
- the award plaque: each award winner will be provided with a plaque with illustrations of the award to highlight the innovation on their communication
- text references to the award (e.g. in press texts or advertisements)

Admissible types of use

Certificates and medals may be depicted in all sizes, whereby the height/width ratio must remain the same. Changes are not admissible, especially as regards text or color. The production of duplicates is not allowed. The award symbols and innovations plaques are obtainable from EIA as a data set in the form of four-color or black and white illustrations. The medals are also obtainable in black-and-white.

Advertising provisions non ambiguity

Publicity and promotion with the award symbols and text references to the EIA award are only allowed in close connection with the name/s of the award-winning product/s. It must be perfectly clear from which organization and on the basis of which innovative properties the product gained the award. The year of the award is to be stated.

Exclusiveness

The symbols may only be used to promote the award-winning product with the properties presented for the tests.

Distributed by

The name of the award winner must be visible.

Duration of promotion

When the year of award is stated the duration of promotion is left to the manufacturer's discretion.

Ban on misleading representation

In publicity and promotion measures it must be ensured that anything that could be misleading is omitted. All statements must satisfy the law on competition. The participants or their legal successors shall bear sole responsibility for this.

8. Stripping of Awards

The EIA reserves the right to strip award-winners of their awards if they have made incorrect statements about the award-winning innovation or seriously contravened the provisions regarding promotion (see Section 7).

9. Claims for damages

Claims for damages are ruled out unless they are based on deliberate or grossly negligent acts.

10. Jurisdiction

The venue for all disputes arising from the Award Regulations shall be Bruxelles, Belgium.

11. Concluding provisions

On signature of the submission form the Award Regulations and any annexes in the currently valid form shall be legally binding for the participants.