

## W. F. Bradley Award

### Rules

1. The objective of this award is to offer financial assistance to the recipient to enable him or her to participate in an International Clay Conference for the purpose of presenting his or her paper.
2. Candidates must submit electronically (preferably in Microsoft Word) a paper of approximately 4000 words in English on a topic relevant to one of the sessions at the Conference. The paper should be written in a format acceptable for publication in an international journal. Assessment will be based on scientific content only and the winning entry shall form the substance of a paper to be presented by the successful candidate at the Conference to which the award relates.
3. If the candidate is not the sole author of the paper, a statement from each of the coauthors is required, specifying the coauthor's contribution to the paper.
4. The award will normally be made at four-yearly intervals and initially will not exceed \$1000, although the value will be reviewed periodically. An award shall not be made if it is considered that candidates do not reach the required standards.
5. Persons eligible for the award shall be under 35 years of age on the closing date for submission: no restriction is placed on the sex or nationality of the candidate or the nature of his or her employment. Every application must be supported by two members of AIPEA.
6. The selection committee shall consist of the President of AIPEA and four members nominated by Council of AIPEA. No author or coauthor may be a member of the selection committee; if any member of the selection committee, including the AIPEA President, is a coauthor, he/she must be recused and another member shall be nominated by Council in order to maintain an odd number of committee members.
7. A suitably inscribed certificate will be presented to the successful candidate during a plenary session to be followed by the oral presentation of the winning paper. A portion of the prize may be sent to the successful candidate in advance in the form of a ticket enabling him or her to travel to the Conference.
8. The attached form, along with the manuscript submission and all co-author statements, must be completed and returned electronically to arrive on or before the abstract submission deadline for the Conference. Candidates must note that the deadline will be strictly observed.

9. The winning paper must be submitted for publication in the Conference proceedings or a peer-reviewed publication in a clay science journal.
10. The Bradley Award will be presented during the International Clay Conference. All correspondence shall be addressed to the current President of AIPEA in electronic form.
11. No letter of recommendation of any kind will be considered--if comments are included, they will be disregarded.

## W. F. Bradley Award Application Form

1. I have read the regulations governing the above Award and in conformity therewith I herewith submit a paper entitled:

2. My date of birth is: (day/month/year)

3. My submission is supported by:

a. Name:

Signature

b. Name

Signature

who are both members of AIPEA

4. I agree to abide by the rules governing the Award and accept that the examiners' decision is final.

Date:

Signature

Reminders:

- 1) If the candidate is not the sole author of the paper, a statement from each of the coauthor(s) is required specifying his/her contribution to the paper.
- 2) No letter of recommendation of any kind will be considered.

## **Addendum to Bradley Award**

### *Voting procedures:*

The Chair of the Bradley Award Committee requests that each committee member submit rankings, with 1 being the best (highest rank) and 4 being the lowest rank, after the member has reviewed the manuscripts. In addition, committee members are requested to write a few sentences explaining both the weaker aspects of the paper and the most important strengths. The scores and comments are tabulated and reported to committee members.

Voting is based on the scientific content of the submitted paper only, thus the paper is judged on the importance of the paper, originality/novelty, its completeness of scope, the validity of the approach taken, the appropriateness of the experimental procedures, conclusions based on content, etc. The quality of writing is not considered (unless the writing makes the science impossible to understand), so that authors with English as a first language are not at a competitive advantage.

The first round of voting is not final, because committee members will not have seen comments from other committee members. However, the first round may show that there is one (or two) clear favorite(s), and this may help with the second round of voting. Once the comments are seen, an additional one or two rounds are expected until a consensus is reached.

The second round is limited to the two or three top candidates based on the first round votes (depending on the span of tabulated scores). Committee members will make comments justifying the votes for each round of voting, including comments on what the other members may say are strengths or weaknesses of the manuscripts, if appropriate.

### *Deadline for first vote and successive votes:*

14 days for the first vote, at the discretion of the Chair for successive votes

### *Confidentiality:*

Please maintain confidentiality. Members are to send votes/comments to the Chair only, so that the Chair may collate them and return them to all as a package. Voting results for any round should not be released by the committee members, as this will be done by the Chair only to committee members.

### *Reporting of results:*

Results are transmitted to the AIPEA President by the Committee Chair. Details of the voting are not provided; only the Bradley Awardee is announced.