

13 PIARC PRIZES

On the occasion of the World Road Congress, PIARC organises an international competition focussing on the road sector. This competition is open to all young or established professionals (excepting members of the Council) who have an interest in the road and road transport sectors.

The prizes are designed to promote professional excellence, research, innovation and applications that demonstrate great interest and success in all areas of road and road transport, particularly relating to safety, the challenges of sustainable development and improving the efficiency of road transport.

Prizes will be allocated from amongst all the papers submitted in response to the call for papers launched for the XXVth World Road Congress.

13.1 Themes of the 2015 Competition

The themes of the 2015 competition are the subjects of the call for individual papers selected by the Technical Committees.

13.2 The 2015 Competition Prizes

13.2.1 Nature of the Prize

A prize will be awarded to the best paper in the following eight categories:

- *Young professionals* (all authors less than 30 years of age),
- *Developing countries* (authors from countries of low income and lower-middle income economies according to the classification established by the World Bank in 2014),
- *Best innovation* (Maurice Milne medal),
- *Safety of road users and road workers*,
- *Sustainable development*,
- *Road design and road construction*,
- *Road maintenance and operation*,
- *Roads and intermodality*.

For each paper selected for a prize, PIARC shall pay travel expenses (economy class), accommodation (hotel - intermediate category) and the fees of the Congress for one of the co-authors of the paper.

13.2.2 Sponsoring a Prize

PIARC member countries can sponsor one of the national prizes, by way of payment of a contribution of 3,000 € determined by the Executive Committee.

The call for proposals for sponsorship is launched by the General Secretariat during the first quarter of 2014.

Countries providing sponsorship:

- will have their name associated in all documents and publications related to that prize,
- will be directly involved in the award ceremony of the prize at the time of the World Road Congress in Seoul.

13.3 Organisation of the 2015 National Level Competition

PIARC member countries, with support from their National Committee where applicable, are encouraged to elicit proposals for papers and to attribute prizes at the national level amongst the papers submitted to the Congress from their country.

The General Secretariat will inform the countries (First Delegate and National Committee) of:

- abstracts submitted by their country which have been accepted (in December 2014),
- papers from their country which have been recommended by Technical Committees for examination by the International Jury (first half of June, 2015).

13.4 International Competition Rules

The Technical Committees shall be responsible for identifying the papers most eligible for prizes. Those papers are then submitted to the International Jury.

PIARC member countries that organise a competition at the national level may present a single paper to the International Jury from amongst the submissions.

13.5 Criteria for Evaluation

The Technical Committees and potentially member countries that propose a paper to the International Jury will evaluate and provide a justified opinion of the eligible papers with respect to innovation, scientific value and practical applicability/interest on the basis of the following criteria:

Excellence: reflecting notable work by an experienced professional(s) or research into new ideas by a young professional(s).

Innovation: drawing attention to notable discoveries and encouraging specific solutions or ideas.

Applicability: encouraging the dissemination of research and best practices throughout the world.

Practicality: ideas which currently have or are likely in the future to have practical application while at the same time encouraging innovation and new thinking.

Multidisciplinary: the rules encourage consideration of the topics by a wide range of skills such as engineering, economics, social, environmental sciences, and so on.

Balance: transport is an increasingly complex sector and so consideration should be given to the relationship between the different modes of transport.

These criteria will be considered by the international Jury which may choose to take other aspects into account for awarding the prizes.

If the Jury finds that submissions do not meet expectations, they reserve the right to refrain from making a selection for the prize in question.

13.6 Composition of the International Jury

Prizes are awarded by an International Jury whose composition will be determined by the PIARC Executive Committee.

The Jury is presided by the Chair of the Communications Commission. The Jury is administered by the General Secretariat.

13.7 Calendar

March 2014	General Secretariat mails First Delegates (with copy to National Committees) regarding the principles of the PIARC prizes competition and the call for sponsorship
April 2014	Launch of the call for papers by PIARC General Secretariat
30 September 2014	Deadline for submission of abstracts
15 November 2014	Authors are notified of the acceptance of the abstracts (First Delegates/National Committees of their respective countries are informed of accepted abstracts)
28 February 2015	Deadline for submission of complete papers
1st quarter 2015	Nomination of International Jury by the Executive Committee
15 May 2015	Authors are notified of the acceptance of the full papers (First Delegates/National Committees of their respective countries are informed)
	Deadline for submission to the International Jury of papers proposed by the Technical Committees and member countries
15 July 2015	Announcement of the prizes awarded by the International Jury
Before the end of July 2015	The General Secretariat notifies winners and the respective First Delegate/National Committee
November 2015	Prizes awarded at the Congress during the opening session
	Winners present their paper during the Congress
January 2016	Winning papers are published in <i>Routes/Roads</i>