

Introduction

The Gustave Magnel Prize was created to encourage scientific research applied to construction. It is open to researchers attached to Universities, Military Academies, Research Centres or large Public Administrations of European Union and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) member states.

The research reports presented as candidacies for the prize must be the work of one researcher. They must address construction and must be related to the activities of the SECO Technical Control Bureau for Construction (www.seco.be). They must have practical applications.

Rules for the awarding of the Gustave Magnel Prize

1. In memory of Professor Gustave Magnel, a great scholar and engineer, who was one of its founders and subsequently its managing director, SECO created a prize known as the "Gustave Magnel Prize". The goal of this prize is to encourage scientific research applied to construction while encouraging researchers working in this area.
2. The prize may be awarded to researchers who are attached to the following institutions: Universities, Military Academies, and Research Centres, Public Administrations or any other institution of one the European Union Member States or of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) entitled to deliver doctorates.
3. Research reports presented as candidacies for the prize "Gustave Magnel – new activities" must be related to sustainable construction and must be original (eg. doctoral thesis). Sustainable construction is about the full life cycle of a work, from the conceptual design, the execution, the exploitation, up to the eventual demolition, re-use or re-affectation, recycling and the "Cradle to Cradle" (C2C) idea.
4. Different topics can be treated in that context, partially or in a global approach: conservation of the environment and the resources, as well as social aspects including comfort and health.
5. The following dissertations may be accepted: a doctoral thesis that has been successfully defended between 1st January 2008 and the deadline for submittal (28th September 2012). The researcher must be less than 40 years old on the date he defended his thesis.
The 10.000 EUR prize will henceforth be awarded every four years and was awarded for the first time in 2009. If more than one project is deemed to be of equal interest, the prize may be shared.
6. Reports must be submitted before Friday 28th September 2012 to SECO, rue d'Arlon, 53 at 1040 Brussels, Belgium, in 5 printed and signed copies containing the full name, residence, e-mail address, and the place and date of birth of the author, as well as his/her titles and positions and a brief curriculum vitae. A digital copy can be included as well. They may be drafted in Dutch, French, German or English.
7. SECO's Technical Board is entrusted with having the reports reviewed and determining the winner of the prize. The Technical Board may ask the candidate questions in order to obtain clarifications concerning the work submitted. The decisions of the Technical Board are final.
8. The laureate is declared winner of the Gustave Magnel Prize for the period 2008-2012. The winner agrees to deliver a speech concerning the subject of the winning research to the Technical Board and SECO's members at the prize awarding ceremony.