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1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide advice, information and rules concerning the procedures to be followed for the Leroy Prize competition.

2 The Leroy Prize

2.1 Background information

André Leroy, the Director of Institut de Soudure, the French Institute of Welding, was one of the dominant personalities in the IIW. He was Scientific and Technical Secretary from 1950 until his retirement in 1974 He was a man of great energy, blessed with a prodigious memory and an encyclopaedic knowledge of welding technology. He deserves much of the credit for the creation of a system which in essence has been maintained to this day and has ensured both coordination and collaboration in the activities of the IIW Working Units.

2.2 Description

Every even year the IIW organises a competition for the award of the André Leroy Prize created in 1980 and sponsored by the French Delegation.

2.3 Eligibility

- a. The competition is open to large circulation multimedia documents (including video and computer programmes) intended for use in Education and Training in any aspect of welding and allied processes (brazing, hot spraying, thermal cutting, etc.) at any level (engineers, technicians, welders, etc.).
- b. To be eligible for entry, the material shall contribute to scientific and/or technical training or teaching relating to:
 - welding processes or allied processes;
 - the application of these processes, including the safety problems to which they may give rise;
 - the quality control of welded joints or of the results of the application of allied processes;
 - the problems raised by the behaviour of materials and welded constructions.
- c. Multimedia documents produced by commercial firms may be entered for the competition if they have been made for Education and Training purposes and are not focussed solely on promoting a particular piece of equipment or consumable. It is incumbent upon each national delegation to judge whether material is eligible for the competition, taking into account the above-mentioned guidelines
- d. Multimedia documents entered for the competition may include a commentary in English (the official language of IIW) or in any other language. In the latter case, it is mandatory that a comprehensive audio transcript in the official language of the IIW be submitted in accompaniment of the multimedia document
- e. To be eligible for the competition, the documents shall have been presented in the public domain in the four years prior to the date on which the Panel of Judges convenes
- f. Entries by individuals who are currently serving on the IIW Board of Directors and/or the TMB are not eligible for nomination for the Award.
- g. The Award will not be granted posthumously



2.4 The Award

The Prize consists of a commemorative medal bearing the effigy of André Leroy, donated by the French Delegation.

The Prize is presented at the Opening Ceremony of the IIW Annual Assembly which follows the meeting of the Panel of Judges. The prize-winning document will be shown on this occasion or during the Annual Assembly week, depending on the nature of the document and the technical requirements for it to be shown.

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3 Application Requirements

Each Responsible Member Society may submit two multimedia documents. Each entry shall be submitted by the appropriate delegation; under no circumstances can a submission by the producer or the distributor of the multimedia documents be accepted.

A copy of the entry form, together with one (1) copy of the multimedia document, the text of the commentary in English and the entry fee shall be received by the IIW Secretariat not later than 30 November of the year prior to the award of the prize.

Each competitor shall be prepared to supply a sufficient number of copies of the multimedia document for consultation by the members of the Jury according to the instructions given by the IIW Secretariat. The copies provided may be either covered by Copyright or in the form of demo versions.

To meet the expenses incurred by the organisation of the competition, an entry fee is fixed on each occasion by the Board of Directors. This fee is payable to the IIW Secretariat.

4 André Leroy Prize Procedure

The multimedia documents entered are considered by a Panel of Judges.

The Panel of Judges is chaired by the Chair of the Working Group - Technical Working Units (WG-TWU). The Chair shall select at least six additional members of WG-TWU to serve on the Panel of Judges. Members of WG-TWU who have been nominated for the award are prohibited from serving on the Panel of Judges.

The WG-TWU Chair may at his/her discretion invite one or two non-voting specialists in subjects covered by the multimedia documents entered to attend the meeting of the Panel to provide its members with expert advice, if requested.

Voting is carried out based on unique choice, whereas each member of the Panel shall select his/her choice. In case of a tie, the Chair of WG-TWU shall cast the deciding vote.

During the Winter meeting of WG-TWU, the results shall be reported to WG-TWU for endorsement. In the case of appeal or inconclusive ballot, another vote in session may be proposed.

The decision of WG-TWU is submitted for endorsement by the IIW TMB and then for endorsement by the IIW Board of Directors



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Entry to the Competition implies the unqualified acceptance of the above rules.