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# Rules for the Chris Smallbone Award

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## 1 Introduction:

The purpose of this document is to provide advice and information and to outline the rules governing the procedures to be followed for the Chris Smallbone Award.

## 2 The Chris Smallbone Award

### 2.1 Background information

The award is named in honour of Mr Chris Smallbone. Participating in IIW since 1974, Smallbone was the Director responsible for developing and implementing the key strategy on Regional Activities and Liaison with Developing Countries in 1993. He then chaired the active and well-attended IIW Working Group for 21 years. He introduced numerous IIW regional technology diffusion and networking initiatives. As IIW President (2005–2008), Smallbone launched the IIW Project ‘To Improve the Global Quality of Life through Optimum Use of Welding Technology’, an outcome of which included the IIW White Paper. He has also developed and championed a project supporting the development of ‘National Welding Capabilities’ around the world.

### 2.2 Description

The Chris Smallbone Award is awarded annually since 2014 by the International Institute of Welding (IIW). It is sponsored by the IIW Member Societies from Bulgaria, Greece, Romania, and Serbia, linked through the South-East European Technology Transfer Network (SEENET).

- Bulgarian Welding Society (BWS)
- Serbian Welding Society (SWS – DUZS)
- National Research-Development Institute for Welding and Material Testing (ISIM)
- Romanian Welding Society (ASR)
- Welding Greek Institute (WGI)
- Zavod za Zavarivanje A.D. (Serbia)

The Award is related to the key area of IIW regional activities and liaison with developing countries

The Award recognises an outstanding individual who has made a significant contribution to improving global quality of life through optimum use and innovation of welding and joining technologies in his/her region or internationally. This contribution may have been achieved through involvement in the IIW, through an IIW Member Society or outside of the IIW.

The goal of the Award is to facilitate the ongoing involvement of the winner in IIW activities, including attendance at the IIW Annual Assemblies and activities of the IIW Working Group on Regional Activities and Liaison with Developing Countries (WG-RA).

### 2.3 Eligibility

- a. Nominations may be submitted by Members of the IIW Board of Directors, the IIW Technical Management Board (TMB), the IIW International Authorisation Board (IAB), Chairs of IIW Working Units, or by any IIW Member Society.



b. Nominees must demonstrate

- how they initiated activities at a regional or international level, with the objective of the implementation of welding technology innovations to improve the quality of life.
- how these initiatives contribute to the objectives of WG-RA, through the implementation of welding technology innovation, R&D, technology diffusion and/or education, training, qualification and certification.
- the current and future positive outcomes of these initiatives and the improvement in regional or international quality of life.
- a culture of wishing to regionally or internationally promote the work of the IIW and benefits of membership.
- a desire to actively participate in IIW activities, including the IIW Annual Assemblies and the work of WG-RA.

c. Individuals who are currently serving on the IIW Board of Directors and/or the TMB are not eligible for nomination for the Award

d. - The Award will not be granted posthumously

## 2.4 The Award

The Chris Smallbone Award consists of a commemorative plaque presented by the IIW President during the Opening Ceremony of the IIW Annual Assembly.

The winner will be expected to deliver a presentation about his/her regional activities at a selected IIW Member Society meeting, and/or publish an article based on the presentation in the next upcoming issue of that Member Society's professional journal and as an IIW WG-RA Success Story on the IIW website.

## 3 Application Requirements

Application files must be supported by a 1,000-word report in English, covering the criteria and including, *inter alia*:

- Details of career involvement in industry/government/education/research sectors.
- Examples of involvement in relevant activities.
- Examples of welding technology innovations in which the nominee has been involved, both regionally and internationally.
- Ideas about how the nominee could contribute to further improving the quality of life in their region through both IIW and regional/international welding technology outcomes.

All nominations must be submitted to the IIW Secretariat by November 30th of the year preceding the year of the award.

Any reference document giving background information too voluminous to forward directly to the General Secretariat. The IIW Panel of Judges can refer to such documents if deemed necessary.



#### 4 Chris Smallbone Award Procedure

Nominations are circulated to the Panel of Judges, at least one month before the Intermediate Meeting of the IIW Board of Directors.

Nominations are reviewed by an IIW Panel of Judges which comprises the IIW Board of Directors.

If there is only one nomination for this IIW Award, then the nominee must receive at least 80% of the eligible votes available to be successful.

In the case of there being two nominees, then the awardee must receive an absolute majority of the eligible votes available, and if more than two nominees the plurality of votes (the most eligible votes received by a nominee) is required to be successful.

~~The specific weighting of each criterion and voting rules are given in the specific IIW Award Voting eForm.~~

Unsuccessful nominations will remain eligible for renewed consideration during a 2-year period.