DYNAMICS OF CIVIL STRUCTURES
BEST PAPER AWARD GUIDELINES

1. All papers submitted to the competition will be judged by at least three members of the TD. Members who are authors on ANY paper in the competition are not allowed to participate as judges.

2. Each paper will be given a score of 1-5 (1 = poor, 3 = average, 5 = exceptional) in three categories: 1) technical strength, 2) novelty, 3) writing. The five papers with the highest combined score will be selected as finalists.

3. The finalists will make a 10 minute presentation on their work via a conference call. All attending judges will rate the presentation on a scale of 1-5 (1 = poor, 3 = average, 5 = exceptional) in three categories: 1) technical strength, 2) novelty, 3) presentation quality. The top three winners will be selected based on the combined score.

4. The top three presentations will receive a cash prize, which will be determined based on sponsor contributions.

2021 Competition Dates

October 19, 2020: Final papers due, final date to enter the competition
November 9, 2020: Finalists announced
Week of December 7, 2020: Finalist presentations
December 28, 2020: Winners submitted to IMAC

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