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ICL/IPL awards-call for nominations

Dear Landslide Experts

This is an open invitation to the global landslide community to help identify and recognize fellow landslide experts by nominating them for one of several unique and prestigious ICL/IPL awards. The list of eligible awards covers both established senior practitioners and young scholars who are making notable contributions to landslide understanding, research, risk reduction and education. The award recognition coincides with the occasion of the Fifth World Landslide Forum (WLF5) taking place November 2–6, 2020 in Kyoto, Japan.

Each of the awards has specific terms of reference regarding eligibility, requirements and submission deadlines. Moreover, the decision regarding successful appointment for each award rests with a different set of committee members. Please refer to the details below for clarification. All nominations must be submitted before the deadline shown, must be complete in content and requirements and must be submitted directly to the Chair of the ICL Awards Committees (peter.bobrowsky@canada.ca) and the ICL/IPL Secretariat (secretariat@iclhq.org).

AWARD	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION
Varnes Medal	29 February 2020
Oldrich Hungr Award	31 July 2020
Hiroshi Fukuoka IPL Award	30 April 2020

ICL awards terms of reference

Varnes Medal

The Varnes Medal is the highest award provided by the International Consortium on Landslides; it recognizes professional excellence in landslide research. Only ICL members in good standing may nominate individuals for the Varnes Medal at least 8 months prior to the next WLF. This year the deadline is before 29 February 2020. Nominations must be submitted directly to the Chair of the ICL Awards Committee (peter.bobrowsky@canada.ca) and the ICL/IPL Secretariat (secretariat@iclhq.org). The recognition consists of a pure silver Medal and Certificate. Nominated candidates for the Varnes Medal must meet at least two of the following criteria:

- Professional excellence in landslide research
- Professional excellence in landslide disaster risk reduction
- Significant contribution to the development of ICL and IPL
- Significant contribution to public education regarding landslide hazards
- International recognition for a professional career involving landslides

- Influential landslide research or development of methods or techniques
- Teacher of students who work on landslide issues

Oldrich Hungr Award

This award is named in honor of Professor Oldrich Hungr, a landslide specialist, and Emeritus Professor of Engineering Geology at the University of British Columbia, Canada, who passed away in 2017.

Oldrich Hungr completed his PhD at the University of Alberta before moving into consultancy for some 15 years. From there he moved into academia when he joined the Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences at UBC as a Professor of Engineering Geology, for the remainder of his career. Oldrich is best known for his work on the mobility of landslides, and in particular for the development of the DAN-W software series that allows for the modelling of complex flows. Oldrich's research resulted in approximately 100 refereed and 70 non-refereed publications, 15 book chapters, and 4 edited books. One of his last papers, which won an award for best paper in the journal Landslides in 2015, was an update of the classic Varnes classification of landslides.

During his career, Oldrich received many awards and recognitions, examples include the Schuster Medal (2008), a joint medal presented by the Canadian Geotechnical Society and the Association of Engineering and Environmental Geologists that recognizes North American contributions to geohazard research, as well as the Varnes Medal (2015) from the International Consortium on Landslides. Oldrich Hungr was an exceptional educator, and over 50 graduate students have benefited from his dedicated and attentive supervision, besides the thousands of undergraduate students who were inspired by his teaching.

The award recognizes the contribution of Oldrich Hungr to landslide research and science. The ICL and IPL membership believes that an appropriate award in his honor should be devoted to supporting young scientists in their research focusing on landslides. The conditions of the award are:

- It is entitled the "Oldrich Hungr Award";
- It is given every year to a young scientist (35 years or younger) for his/her contribution to the field of landslide studies;
- Requires the winner to give a lecture at the next WLF that highlights his/her landslide research contributions;
- The winning candidate receives a plaque and an honorarium of \$500 as well as free registration to attend the next WLF;
- Nominations will be accepted by the IPL/ICL Secretariat proposed by any ICL member in good standing up to 3 months prior to the annual ICL BOR; the exact date will be advertised by the IPL/ICL Secretariat;
- Winners are notified approximately 1 month after the BOR.

Hiroshi Fukuoka IPL AWARD

This award is named in honor of the late Professor Hiroshi Fukuoka, a Japanese landslide expert with global exposure to landslide risk, valuable experience in technical cooperation with developing countries, and a founding member and supporter of both the International Consortium on Landslides (ICL) and the International Programme on Landslides (IPL). Besides Professor Fukuoka's many singular professional accomplishments in the study of landslide properties, mechanics and impacts, he was well respected for his tenacious commitment to improving the global awareness and resilience of individuals and communities in less developed countries to the threat of landslides. Professor Fukuoka's unfortunate death in June of 2018 took place during one of his many field missions related to landslide risk reduction efforts in Bhutan. The award recognizes the contributions and devotion of Hiroshi Fukuoka displayed throughout his entire professional career to those in developing countries. The ICL and IPL membership believes that an appropriate award in his honor would equally be devoted to supporting research and studies focused specifically towards helping those in less developed countries affected by slope instability. The award is given according to the following terms:

- It is entitled the "Hiroshi Fukuoka IPL Award".
- Is given every 3 years coinciding with the World Landslide Forum (WLF) to an individual or group of individuals whose work deals with landslide risk reduction in a developing country or countries.
- Consists of a \$1500 USD travel grant to use specifically towards participation in the next WLF conference.
- Requires the winning individual/individuals to contribute a technical presentation at the WLF that highlights their landslide research contributions that benefit an area in a developing country.
- Nominations submitted by any ICL member in good standing up to 6 months prior to the forthcoming WLF will be accepted by the committee; the IPL/ICL Secretariat announces the exact deadline submission date.
- (Winners, Beneficiaries) are notified approximately 3 months prior to the next WLF.

An ICL committee evaluates all published papers in the journal *Landslides* and selects the Best Paper Award annually. Similarly, a separate ICL committee evaluates all papers presented in the student session of each forum at the WLF and determines the

winners of the Distinguished Student Forum Awards. The detailed criteria for both awards are presented below.

2019 Best Paper Award

This award is given annually for the best paper published in *Landslides: Journal of International Consortium on Landslides* for the year in question. Selection criteria are as follows:

- Judging for the award will be by members of the Best Paper Award Subcommittee.
- Ranking of papers by Subcommittee members will be based on the following numerical grading system: Scientific and technical quality (50%); Impact on the profession and society (30%) and Quality of figures and tables (20%).
- Based on the above rating system, subcommittee members rank the top five papers for the year into a five-paper "short list".
- The paper with the highest compiled point total will receive the Best Paper Award.
- In case of a tie, the Chairman will call for a "tiebreaker" vote.
- Subcommittee members are not allowed to recommend a paper for which he/she is the author or coauthor.

Distinguished Student Forum Awards

Students are encouraged to present their landslide research in the form of a regular Forum paper in the student session. The first author must be a student and the paper must be presented orally by the student; the number of paper's co-authors is limited to three (i.e. since the student is the first author, 4 in total). Eligible papers will be evaluated by a panel of participating professors. Distinguished student awards (2-3) will be given to the first authors of the best presented papers judged under the different research and educational conditions of developed and developing countries. The ICL President will present the distinguished student awards (250 USD and Certificate) to the recipients in the closing plenary session of each World Landslide Forum.

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