



International Congress on **ULTRASONICS**

ICU Award Bylaws

a) R. W. B. Stephens Prize

This competition honours the memory of Professor R. W. B. Stephens (1902 - 1990) who was active in starting the UI Ultrasonics International conferences and who contributed greatly to their success. During his lifetime he was recognized as a great teacher who taught and inspired several generations of students in acoustics and ultrasonics.

The prize presentation started with UI'95 and was first supported by Butterworth-Heinemann and then by Elsevier. In recent years (UI'03, UI'05/WCU2005 and ICU'2007) Elsevier has continued to be very generous with its support of the R. W. B. Stephens Prize. At the ICU'2007 in Vienna seven (7) Prize Winners were selected from 44 entries (with an additional 7 Honourable Mention Prizes announced.)

The names of all winners are published in the Conference Proceedings of each of the conferences in which R. W. B. Stephens' Prizes are awarded. Many of the prize winners have continued to do outstanding research in their subsequent work.

b) ICU Early Career Award

Qualifications

The ICU Early Career Award is presented at the biennial ICU to an individual who is relatively early in his/her professional career (about 10-15 years of active career), and who has been active in the affairs of ultrasound through his/her National Society, other National Society(ies), Regional or International organizations and has contributed substantially, through published papers, to the advancement of theoretical or applied ultrasound or both.

The Award

The Award consists of an honorarium, the amount of which to be determined by the Board, an Award Certificate and a Silver Whistle. The whistle is a silver coloured tri-tone Samba whistle with a strong overtone spectrum in the ultrasonic frequency range. The whistle symbolizes leadership in ultrasound.

Nomination Procedures

One year prior to the biennial ICU, the ICU Board Members and presidents of individual ultrasound or acoustics societies will be asked to submit names of candidates for the award. Nomination may also be made by individual members of a national ultrasound or acoustics society. These nominations are due to the Secretary General of the ICU at least 3 months prior to the Congress. All the documents in pdf file should be sent by e-mail.

The nomination must include the following:

- (1) One nominating letter,
- (2) Two supporting letters,
- (3) Professional facts document (sample form can be downloaded from the ICU Cloud Archive),
- (4) Curriculum vitae.

Selection Procedures

The ICU Board will nominate an Early Career Award Committee that will review the dossiers and submit a prioritized list of up to three names to the ICU Board. The Board will select the award recipient who is usually the first-ranked candidate. Occasionally, more than one nominee may be selected to receive the award in the same year.

Award Presentation

The award shall be presented at the banquet, a Plenary Session, or the Closing Ceremony of the biennial ICU by the Chairman of the Board of the ICU. The award recipient will be introduced by an individual from the nominating institution and given the opportunity to make remarks in acceptance of the award. A list of award recipients and a photograph of the most recent award recipient and his/her citation will be posted on the ICU Cloud Archive.

c) ICU Distinguished Service Award

The ICU Distinguished Service Award is presented for outstanding contributions to the promotion of the ultrasound world community.

This honour should be especially given, but not be restricted, to successful congress organizers at the time of their retirement from the Board. More particularly, the award is given for outstanding contributions to the development of ultrasound fundamentals and applications in nature, engineering and medicine, as well as for outstanding contributions to the promotion of the ICU congress series.

The recipients are appointed by the majority of the ICU Board Members on suggestion of one or more Board Members. Self-nomination is excluded. Candidates are not counted and should be excluded from the discussion. Nominations are due to the Secretary General of the ICU at least 6 months prior to the Congress. All documents have to be sent as pdf via e-mail. Voting on the candidates will take place via e-mail prior to the Congress. This will allow the invitation of the winners to the Congress in order to assure their attendance

For every award recipient the ICU Board should appoint a person, who will present a laudation acknowledging the CV of the candidate, as well as a promoter, who should hand over the award. Normally, the promoter will be the Chairman of the ICU Board.

Preferably, the Award should be handed over at the Closing Ceremony or Opening Ceremony or during the Congress Dinner of an ICU in form of a Certificate and a Golden Whistle. Because of the latter, the award may be also referred to as ICU Golden Whistle Award. The Certificate contains the text (compare enclosed layout, the originals are high resolution glossy photo quality prints):

The Board of the ICU (Logo) International Congress on Ultrasonics has appointed *Title Given-Name Surname* as recipient of the ICU Distinguished Service Award (ICU Golden Whistle Award) for outstanding contributions to the promotion of the ultrasound world community

and may contain a picture that shows the award recipient in a characterizing pose or environment. The whistle is a golden coloured tri-tone Samba whistle with a strong overtone spectrum in the ultrasonic frequency range. The whistle symbolizes leadership in ultrasound.



Enclosure:

ICU Early Career Award Appointment Letter Sample
ICU Early Career Award Certificate Form
ICU Distinguished Service Award Certificate Form