

# **International Road Federation Dr. Mino Award of Excellence**

## **THE MINO AWARD**

The International Road Foundation (IRF) is proud to introduce the Dr. Mino Award of Excellence. The Award, bestowed annually, was developed to recognize and honor outstanding graduates of the IRF Fellowship Program who have leveraged their educational experience to make outstanding achievements in roadway development and planning around the world.

The IRF Dr. Mino Award of Excellence was established in 2002 in honor of Dr. Sadamu Mino, an IRF Fellow, *Class of 1954/55*, from Japan. Dr. Mino's accomplishments were many including the International Road Federation's highest award, 1991 Man of the Year. His most lasting contribution to our industry has been his belief and desire to do everything possible to promote technology transfer to those who need it most.

## **BACKGROUND**

For over 50 years IRF's prestigious Fellowship Program has provided educational fellowships for promising graduate engineers and transportation managers from around the world.

Graduates of this acclaimed program have become highly skilled and productive experts, exerting a strong influence on developing transportation systems around the world. Many have become political, business and academic leaders, where they exercise a multiplier effect in transferring road-related technology and information. Over the life of the Program, more than 1,100 Fellows from 110 countries have participated, attending 88 universities around the world.

## **CRITERIA**

Nominations for the Award are open to any person who successfully completed their educational pursuits through an IRF Fellowship scholarship. It is not necessary that the Fellow graduated from a degreed program; rather, the Fellow only need have successfully completed the education funded by the Fellowship. Fellows may be nominated by an individual, government agency, private organization, or through self-nomination.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

Applicants for the Mino Award will be reviewed for their achievements, as demonstrated through:

- Accomplishments made and positions held with government and/or private organizations;
- Innovations in areas such as (but not limited to) technology, management, design, construction, safety and finance for roadway development locally, nationally or worldwide.
- Philanthropy;
- Community service;
- Advocacy for roadway development;
- Demonstrated commitment to economic development through improved transportation infrastructure.

## **APPLICATION**

To nominate a Fellow for the IRF Dr. Mino Award of Excellence, the application form must be completed and a statement prepared, no more than two pages, explaining why the Fellow merits recognition through bestowal of the Dr. Mino Award.

Each application must also include a recent photo of the fellow to use for publicity purposes.

## **REVIEW**

Applications for the Mino Award will be reviewed in two rounds.

1. A designated committee of the IRF Fellowship Alumni Association (IFAA) or IREF Board will make a review of the applications, reducing the number to no more than five candidates.
2. Telephone Interview Process – Application packages for the five "second round" candidates will be reviewed by the IREF Board of Directors. The IREF Board, through balloting, will determine the winner. All decisions by the Board are final. The Board, at its discretion may select other applicants (than from the list of five) for recognition.

# Dr. Mino Award of Excellence Application Form

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
IRF Fellow Class of \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate year of study under IRF Fellowship Award)  
Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal / Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Format

- Should not exceed 3,000 words in length, (15-20 pages including illustrations)
- Papers must be presented in English, typed and in a double-space format
- Must include an abstract of no more than 300 words
- Papers must be submitted by email or on disk using Microsoft Word

## Award Presentation

The winner will be notified by IRF in March 2009. The winner will receive a round-trip airline ticket (coach class) to the IRF 16th World Meeting, May 31 – June 4, 2009 in Lisbon, Portugal, plus hotel accommodations and some meals during the Meeting. In addition, the winner will receive a crystal trophy and a cash honorarium of \$500, subject to submitting the written critique discussed below, and will be recognized during the ceremonies of the World Meeting. During the Meeting, the winner will be able to attend the technical seminars and tradeshow that accompany the World Meeting. More than 2,000 delegates are expected at the 16th IRF World Meeting.

## Critique

The winner will be required to submit a critique of what their experience as an IRF Fellow. The critique should be submitted to the Director General & CEO of IRF-Washington Patrick Sankey and should be typed and about 300 words in length. Upon receipt of the critique, the \$500 honorarium will be submitted.

## Acknowledgement

The Winner will be introduced to the world's key leaders in the road development industry and receive coverage in IRF's official magazine, *World Highways*, with a global readership of 75,000.

## Judging Criteria

The judging committee will rate the papers on the basis of the quality and relevance of the content (60%), clarity of composition (20%), presentation (10%) and originality (10%).

## Participation

Award is open to any person who successfully completed their educational pursuits through an IRF Fellowship Award. It is not necessary that the Fellow graduated from a degreed program; rather, the Fellow only need have successfully completed the education funded by the Fellowship.

## Application Due Date

Application and accompanying materials must be received by January 31, 2009. Ship application packages to:

IRF Dr. Mino Award of Excellence Program  
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Fifth Floor  
Alexandria, VA 22314 USA