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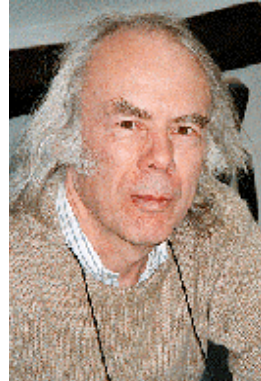
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The Sir Nicholas Shackleton Medal for outstanding young Quaternary scientists

Call for nominations for 2011 award

Professor Sir Nicholas Shackleton – or ‘Nick’ as he preferred to be called - was one of the foremost Quaternary scientists in the world, his scientific legacy in no need of elaboration. In recognition of his pivotal contributions to palaeoceanography and the verification of the global importance of Milankovitch cycles, Nick was elected to the Royal Society in 1985 and knighted by the Queen in 1998. The many prizes and citations he was accorded include the Crafoord Prize (1995), the Wollaston Medal (1996), the Milankovitch Medal (1999), Foreign Associate-ship of the U.S. Academy of Sciences (2000), the Vetlesen Prize (2004) and the Blue Planet Prize (2005). In measure of his prestige, his image has been selected as one of 10 to adorn a commemorative stamp collection (UK Royal Mail) which celebrates the 350th anniversary of the Royal Society, the world’s oldest continuous science academy. Nick served as President of INQUA from 1999 to 2003.

One of Nick’s most endearing qualities was his enthusiastic embracement of international collaboration and co-operation. This extended to unselfish mentoring and encouragement of young scientists, both at his home institution, Cambridge University, and elsewhere. It is for this reason that the Sir Nicholas Shackleton medal is dedicated to rewarding the achievements of outstanding young Quaternary scientists.

Nominations procedure

Nominations are invited for the **2011 award** of the **Sir Nicholas Shackleton Medal**, which is awarded biennially to an early-career scientist, who will *normally be less than 40 years of age or, if older, within 5 years of completing their first PhD project*. Candidates may be working in any branch of Quaternary science.

The process for nomination and evaluation is as follows.....

Nomination

- In principle, any scientist working in the field of Quaternary science may propose an appropriate candidate for the Sir Nicholas Shackleton Medal, but see the nomination form below for further details.
- Proposals should include a summary and a short personal statement in support of the candidate, the *curriculum vitae* and list of publications of the nominee, and two letters of recommendation (see details on the nomination form below).
- Proposals should be submitted electronically to both the Secretary-General of INQUA and the Chair of the Award Committee.
- All nominations will be acknowledged, and nominators are advised to request such confirmation if it is not received.
- The deadline for the current round is **31st July 2010** and no late proposals will be considered.

Evaluation

- Proposals will be evaluated by an *Awards Committee* composed of members of the INQUA Executive, assisted where necessary by eminent Quaternary scientists, who will consider each case in confidence and may seek further information if it is deemed necessary.
- After completion of the evaluation, the Chairperson of the Awards Committee will send the recommendation of this Committee, together with a one page summary and a short citation concerning the selected candidate, to the Secretary-General of INQUA.
- The Secretary General will prepare and forward the necessary documents and citation to the President of INQUA, who will then inform the medalist of the award by the **end of September, 2010**.
- The medalist will be invited to the next General Assembly of the Union, where the medal will be presented.

Closing date for receipt of nominations is 31st July 2010
A nomination form is attached below and is available on the INQUA website

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Nomination Form for 2011 award

Two nominators are required. The nominators should be two independent persons from different national organizations, preferably (but not essentially) from different countries. At least one of the nominators must be from an INQUA member country.

Nominator 1:

Name:

Position:

Address:

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Email:

Telephone: (include country code)

Fax: (include country code)

Nominator 2:

Name:

Position:

Address:

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Email:

Telephone: (include country code)

Fax: (include country code)

Please attach the following documentation:

1. Letters of support from both nominators named above (max. 2 sides of A4)
2. Summary *Curriculum vitae* of the nominee, including a selected list of the nominee's publications (max 2 sides of A4)
3. Short statement of major contributions to Quaternary research of the nominee (max one side of A4)

Documents should be completed in font Times New Roman with minimum font size 11.

The completed nomination form and attached documentation should be sent to the following:

1. the Secretary-General of INQUA: pcoxon@tcd.ie
2. the Chairperson of the Award Committee: i.lowe@rhul.ac.uk

Closing date for receipt of this nomination is 31st July 2010