

Criteria and process for creating and naming Honour Lectures

The initiative for establishing an Honour Lecture should normally come from a TC. If a new Honour Lecture is proposed by others to ISSMGE, the President is to select a TC to deal with the matter.

The TC proposing an Honour Lecture shall have the support of at least 75 % of its Members for creating the Lecture before it can send the proposal. In that process, the TOC shall have the possibility of providing its opinion before the President and the Board approves or rejects the proposal.

As part of establishing an Honour Lecture, a decision will be made on the frequency (yearly, biennially or at other intervals), as well as the venue for the lecture. The venue shall be within a regular conference arranged by a TC and/or the ISSMGE. The criteria for selecting the Topic and Name of the Honour Lecture include:

1. The Topic of the Honour shall lie within the topic of the TC.
2. The Honour Lecture shall contribute to enhance the knowledge dissemination within the field of a TC.
3. The Name of the Honour Lecture can be the name of a person (or several persons) who contributed significantly and undisputedly to the field of the Topic. This person should also have played an active role in disseminating his/her works through publications and lectures. The person may be alive or dead.
4. The TC should prepare a list of three alternative Names for the Lecture. The proposed Name shall be decided by simple majority by the TC members. The proposed Names shall be let known to the TOC and the ISSMGE President. The final decision on the Name of the Honour Lecture lies with the President.

The lifespan of an Honour Lecture shall be a minimum of 8 years. If extended beyond that, it shall be dealt with as a new Honour Lecture. If a TC is discontinued, the Honour Lecture is also discontinued.

Criteria and process for the selection of the Honour Lecturer

The TC recommends the name of the Lecturer. In that process, the TC shall consider at least three alternative candidates. All TC members can propose candidates. The TC members shall rank the candidates. All TC members shall have the opportunity to vote via e-mail on 2-week notice. The selected candidate shall have the support of at least 50 % of the TC members.

The Lecturer shall be a member of the ISSMGE and be recognized as a national or international expert within the field of the Topic. This would normally mean that the Lecturer has published several papers, books or other publications on the Topic. Alternatively, the Lecturer may have made a recent major contribution to the Topic.

The selection criteria shall not include Nationality of the Lecturer, i.e. a Lecturer may come from the same country or continent as the previous Lecturer. There are no requirements to education or position. Practicing engineers and persons from the academia are equally eligible.

The TC Chair shall inform first the ISSMGE President and the TOC of the name of the selected Lecturer. If there is some disagreement with the proposed Lecturer, one or several alternative candidates should be proposed to the TC Chair. If agreement is not reached, the TC makes the final decision.