

NICOLE Technology Award

Call for 2015 entries on

Innovative Investigation or Remediation Technology or Practice, leading to a more time- and/or cost efficient remediation

For more than 15 years NICOLE has undertaken projects and organised workshops, providing a discussion platform in Europe on a sound technical basis for risk based management of contaminated land. Our network is today recognized as a leader in the European Union, and reaches everywhere in the world. Recurring themes are sustainability and cost-efficiency and one of NICOLE's primary missions is the continuous promotion for development and improvement in these fields.

Given the success of the earlier Technology Awards, of which the last one in 2013 was on "Sustainable remediation by using natural or reusable/recycled materials", NICOLE decided to launch the 2015 Award with the intent to stimulate engineers and scientists to promote technical innovations that can contribute to an improved practice for sustainable contaminated land management. The topic of the 2015 Technology Award is:

Innovative Investigation or Remediation Technology or Practice leading to a more time and / or cost efficient remediation

For the 2015 Technology Award NICOLE is seeking new innovative Remediation and Site Investigation Technologies, Systems and Practices, which can either decrease the lifespan of a remediation project or decrease the overall remediation cost. So do not hesitate to enter into the competition if you have:

- a new innovative technology leading to a more effective result of the remediation and / or more cost effective remediation,
- a new remediation practice,
- a new investigation technology yielding a faster and just as or more accurate result and / or is more cost effective with the same result than existing technologies.

Overall, this is a wide scope for the Technology Award, so chances are that what you have been trying can be entered. The catch is that the entry must be have been proven by a successful field application. Entries which are hypothetical or have not been tested with successful results will not be taken into consideration.

This award is open to individuals or groups of people, irrespective of NICOLE membership. Entries from junior academics in universities or consultancy are especially welcome. Again, entries will be judged on innovation, potential contribution to cost savings, technical applicability and plans for

communication and market availability, applicable to contaminated land.

The top 3 entries will be offered the opportunity to present their work in front of their peers during the NICOLE™ 2015 spring workshop on May ?? (details to be announced), where one of those 3 will then proceed to win the Award.

For any question related to the content or topic of the NICOLE Technology Award 2015, please contact the NICOLE Secretariat (Nan Su, nan.su@nicole.org).

Time schedule and content of entry:

- Deadline for submission of entries is 20th of March 2015.
- Entries need to have a summary and a maximum of 6-10 pages description (11 pt), including figures.
- Entries should focus only on technical and scientific content, and not have a commercial character.
- Logos are only permitted on the first page.
- Entries should be sent to the NICOLE Secretariat (Nan Su, nan.su@nicole.org).

Prizes are:

- 1500 € FOR THE WINNING ENTRY
- 750 € FOR 2ND BEST
- Pre-selected entries (top 5), unless already a member via their organisation, will receive three admission tickets to attend the NICOLE workshop (NICOLE organizes 2 workshops a year); in case s/he is already member via an organisation, s/he may 'donate' these tickets to a non-member of their choice.
- Winning authors need to agree to publication of their entry on the NICOLE website and in the NICOLE newsletter, and be prepared to participate in a technical workshop of NICOLE.

NICOLE is a network for the stimulation, dissemination and exchange of knowledge about all aspects of industrially contaminated land. Its 100 members of 15 European countries come from industrial companies and trade organisations (problem holders), service providers/technology developers, universities and independent research organisations (problem solvers) and governmental organisations (policy makers).

The network started in February 1996 as a concerted action under the 4th Framework Programme of the European Community. Since February 1999, NICOLE has been self supporting and is financed by the fees of its members.

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