



Policies of the International Institute of Fisheries Economics & Trade (IIFET)

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IIFET BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARD POLICY

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The IIFET Executive Committee hereby establishes the IIFET Best Student Paper Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize the most outstanding paper presented by a graduate student at the biennial conference. The award shall be in the amount of US \$500.

Procedure:

The IIFET Secretariat, in consultation with the IIFET President, shall determine if there are sufficient funds to support the award fifteen months before the conference. If funds are insufficient, the Executive Committee may elect not to grant the award, or to grant it with no funds attached. If the award is to be granted, the IIFET President shall form a Student Award Committee of three members of the Executive Committee approximately one year before the biennial conference. Notifications of the award and the pertinent deadlines shall be included in announcements for the conference issued by the IIFET Secretariat and the Conference Organizer and shall be made independently by other available means. Students wishing to compete for the award must go through the normal conference paper submission process, but, in addition, must submit the completed paper to the Conference Organizer four months prior to the conference.

To be eligible for the award, individuals must either be currently enrolled in a graduate program or have completed a degree program no more than twelve months prior to the submission date. The paper must be accompanied by a letter of reference from the student's department chair or advisor and a signed attestation of student status. Papers will be immediately forwarded to the Student Award committee. The student must be the primary author of the paper, as attested to by the student's major advisor on the attestation form. The paper should reflect the student's own research, analysis, and writing.

The committee will select the best paper using the standard criteria for refereeing papers in academic journals. Selection of the winning paper will be based on creativity, originality and contribution to theory, methods and/or application. The committee will inform the conference organizer and the IIFET Secretariat of their selection two months prior to the conference. If no suitable paper is submitted, the Committee may elect not to grant the award in a particular biennium. The Committee may also elect to offer one or more honorable mentions at their discretion, if additional highly meritorious submissions are received. Honorable mentions will receive a certificate, and be announced at the conference, but no cash award will be attached. The Executive Director shall assist in informing all applicants and the general public. The cash award will be made as soon as possible so that the funds may be used to support conference attendance. The winning paper must be presented at the conference.

POLICY ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF IIFET

(approved 6/94)

The members of IIFET will elect a President every two years or, in extraordinary circumstances, as deemed necessary by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. An IIFET President may serve a maximum of two consecutive four-year terms of office. The president will serve as President-elect for his/her first two years in office, and be installed as President by the outgoing President in a plenary meeting of the membership at the IIFET Biennial Conference, normally near the end of his/her second year as President-elect. The President-elect will function as vice-chair, and the President as chair of IIFET's Executive Committee. Election of the President will be held simultaneously with elections of other Executive Committee members. Nominations will be made by the same nominating committee. Every effort will be made to choose a nominating committee which represents the diversity of the IIFET membership. Biographical information on the qualifications of candidates for President will be provided to the membership along with the ballot.

A major duty of the IIFET President will be to generate proposals from potential co-sponsors of the IIFET Biennial Conference which will be held during the last year of his/her term, and to assist in the organizing of this conference. The Executive Committee will confer with and advise the President on potential sites and co-sponsors. The final choice of conference site will be made by a vote of the entire Executive Committee.

IIFET DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD POLICY

(last revised July 1994)

The Executive Committee hereby establishes the International Institute of Fisheries Economics and Trade Distinguished Service Award. At the discretion of the committee, the award will be given every two years at the IIFET Biennial Meeting, to an individual who exemplifies the criteria detailed below. The individual to receive the award will be selected by the Executive Committee in the following manner: approximately six months prior to the Biennial Meeting, the Chair of the Executive Committee will poll all Committee members for nominees. Committee members will forward their own nominees and those of IIFET members who have suggested candidates to them, together with any relevant materials which may help to familiarize other Committee members with the nominee. The Chair will compile a list of nominees and provide this list and background material to each Committee member, and elicit their votes on a preferential basis. The nominee with the most votes will be declared the winner by the chair, who will inform the Secretariat at least one month prior to the Biennial Meeting. The Executive Director will then prepare a commemorative plaque to be presented at the Biennial Meeting.

A primary goal of IIFET is to improve interaction between academia, trade, and government officials in all countries about fisheries policy and factors which affect international trade in seafood. The Distinguished Service Award will thus be given to an individual who has made significant contributions and had an important effect on the ability of individuals of these different professional orientations and countries to exchange information, data, and perspectives on fisheries issues. A further consideration in choosing the recipient will be the individual's contribution to the theory and/or application of economic science to international fisheries industries, trade, management, and/or policy.

POLICY ON MEMBERSHIP AND SELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(revised July 7, 1998)

Payment of IIFET dues entitles the payer to a calendar year membership beginning January 1 of the year indicated on his/her membership application form.

Executive Committee members must be IIFET members. They are elected by the IIFET membership and serve four-year terms. To provide continuity, new Executive Committee members are elected in groups of four and five, biennially. Prior to balloting, the existing Executive Committee appoints a nominating committee containing no more than three IIFET members. The nominating committee prepares a slate of officers. Additional nominations will be accepted from IIFET members. Voting by mail ballot must take place at least three months prior to the biennial IIFET conference. Elected officers are installed at the end of that conference. The nominating committee will be directed to be sensitive to the professional composition of the IIFET membership in selecting nominees. It must also assure that, whatever the outcome, there will be at least one member from each of the following five geo-fishery regions on the Executive Committee, subject to availability: (1) Europe; (2) Africa and the Middle East; (3) Canada, the U.S., and Mexico; (4) the Western Hemisphere not included in 3; (5) Asia and Oceania.

PUBLICATIONS POLICY

(established before 1984)

IIFET will publish Proceedings of Institute conferences. Responsibility for this will rest jointly with the conference coordinator(s) (generally one or more individuals in the host country) and the Institute Secretariat.

IIFET will publish a series of Discussion Papers. Each paper will be reviewed by at least two respected professionals, and by a technical editor, all selected by the Secretariat, who will make final decisions on eligibility to appear in the Discussion Paper Series. Where papers are of a "technical" nature, a summary section designed to make findings accessible to a non-technical audience will be a prerequisite to appearance in the Series, reflective of the Institute's objective to facilitate discussion among all interested parties. Only papers authored (or co-authored) by paid-up members of the Institute will be eligible for appearance in the Discussion Paper Series. Papers in the Discussion Series will be publicized via the Institute newsletter and distributed, at cost, to persons requesting them. After papers have been selected for appearance in the Discussion Paper Series, the Secretariat will send copies of the summary sections (or abstracts) to the *Fisheries Economics Newsletter*.

Institute members are encouraged to make available, through the Institute, copies of articles on fisheries economics they have authored and co-authored and which are to appear in academic journals, trade publications, and other respected professional outlets. This is best accomplished either by the authors ordering additional (perhaps 500) copies of their articles/papers prior to publication, or by the Secretariat arranging for reprints through the publisher. Articles selected to appear in the Reprint Series will be publicized through the Institute's newsletter and distributed at cost to persons requesting them. Abstracts (summaries) of these papers, as prepared by the authors, will be sent by the Secretariat to the *Fisheries Economics Newsletter*.