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Regulations for the Prof. Dr I.H.Ph. Diederiks-Verschoor Award

1. The "Prof. Dr I.H.Ph. Diederiks-Verschoor Award" honours the best paper submitted to an IISL Colloquium by an author not older than 30 years, who has not published more than five papers in the previous Proceedings of IISL Colloquia, and who has not previously received this Award.

2. If a previous paper was published but not presented by the author because he/she was absent, it will still count.

3. If the applicant's paper is not presented at the Colloquium for which it was accepted, it may still compete for the award if the applicant has participated at least once in the colloquium in the three years preceding the application, even without presenting a paper.

4. In case of co-authored papers, all authors must qualify and if they win, the Award will be shared between them. Previous co-authored papers will count half.

5. Handing-in of papers is on a voluntary basis. Candidates must submit a copy of the paper by the general deadline set for the submission of papers for the IISL Colloquium to the IISL Secretary, who will send the applications to the Award Committee.

6. The IISL Evaluation Committee, consisting of three members of the IISL Board of Directors, shall review the submissions and determine which paper best adheres to and meets the rules and criteria for this Award. The Evaluation Committee's decision shall be based on the following criteria, and will be final and binding:
    a. The paper clearly states the legal problems/issues addressed, indicates a good grasp of subject or topic of the paper, and presents critical analysis with logical arguments and appropriate supporting references.
    b. The paper presents innovative clarification of existing space law, and/or proposes progressive development of space law.
    c. The paper is well thought out, with good organisation of findings; it displays diligence and care in research and in the quality of the presentation (i.e. style, coherence and error-free language).
    d. The paper shall not exceed the IISL/IAC standard length (i.e. 11 pages, including endnotes, written in single spaced text in two columns with Times Roman 12-point fonts, and leaving sufficient margins and space between the two columns).

7. The Award may be granted if at least three candidates have applied. The Committee may decline to grant an Award in any given year. 8. The Award will be presented during the annual IISL Dinner for which the winner will receive a complimentary ticket.