



The IULTCS Merit Award For Excellence In The Leather Industry

Background

The preamble to the Statutes of the IULTCS state that the Society was founded for the purpose of encouraging the technology, chemistry and science of leather on a worldwide basis. It is appropriate that we recognise the achievements of those of stature in our industry who have contributed significantly to our global understanding of the leather industry and its by-products and those who have excelled in promoting the aims and objectives of our society.

The IULTCS Merit Award is given biennially by the IULTCS Executive to an individual, whose past or current endeavors have had an extraordinary impact on our industry and provide an example for others to follow.

The Award

The recipient of the “IULTCS Merit Award for Excellence in the Leather Industry” will receive a custom plaque signifying recognition by the IULTCS. Along with the award, the recipient may also be granted an allowance towards travel. The maximum amount paid by the IULTCS should not exceed US \$800. The intent of this monetary amount is to help defray expenses towards attendance at the IULTCS Congress where the recipient will be honoured by the Union.

Qualifications for Selection

Selection of the recipient is at the sole discretion of the IULTCS Executive Committee.

Examples of efforts that are worthy of recognition include:

- Published research that results in significant new technologies
- Publications that contribute significantly towards our understanding of leather and its by-products - e.g. books, review articles
- Significant contribution towards the development, writing, and organisation of industry test methods or specifications.
- Achieving a level of peer recognition through his or her activities in industry trade organisations, industry associations, publications in trade journals, industry presentations or discussions.
- Practical achievements that lead to successful developments in leather processing technology

It is expected that the recipient will be an active or recently retired member of a leather technical association that is a paid-up member of the IULTCS.

Nominations:

Twelve months before an award is to be made the IULTCS Secretary will post a notice to all Regional Representatives requesting nominations of potential candidates. Regions will then be given 4 months to make proposals. All submissions should be in writing and are to include a CV on the individual candidate along with an explanation of why they should be considered. The Executive Committee may request more information on submissions. Executive Committee members reserve the right to enter additional nominations. These latter nominations will also require written submissions.

It is not a requirement that the award be made every second year.

Announcement of the Award:

The Executive Committee will make its selection by normal vote and will announce its decision to the regions and on its website at least 6 months prior to the next IULTCS Congress. This award was first established at the March 2005 Congress in Florence, Italy. The first IULTCS Merit Award will be made at the USA Congress in 2007.