



European Concrete Societies Network

ECSN European Award for Excellence in Concrete

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Regulations

- 1. European Award for Excellence in Concrete**

Every two years the ECSN will be organising the European Award for Excellence in Concrete. This Award is financed from the ECSN.
- 2. Mission**

To recognise excellence in the use of concrete in new structures, the ECSN will award Certificates of Excellence in concrete.
- 3. Projects eligible for entry in the competition**

Complete or parts of buildings and civil engineering projects that are designed constructed and built in ECSN member countries. In these structures, concrete should have been used and be clearly visible, and show good and innovative use of concrete.
- 4. Criteria**

Most important criteria are the uses of concrete in outstanding, aesthetic and excellent ways. Amongst others, all structures will be judged against the following criteria

 - Design
 - construction
 - Visual appearance and harmony of the structure with its surroundings
 - Properties of concrete exploited in the design
 - Innovative use of concrete in composition, structure or form
 - Workmanship and finish
- 5. Categories**

There are two categories:

 - Building
 - Civil Engineering

The judges will select one winner in each category. Each member of the ECSN may nominate entries for both or one category as it chooses.
- 6. Nominations**

Each member country of the ECSN is asked by the board of the ECSN to nominate a structure completed during the previous two years. Nomination is only possible by way of a member of the ECSN. No individual companies or organisations can submit an entry.
- 7. The awards**

The Awards will consist of 'Certificates of Excellence' to be given in respect of those structures selected by Judges, to each of the principal parties responsible for the structure, e.g. Client, Architect, Engineer and Contractor, and to producers and suppliers of materials which have made a significant contribution of the success of the structure.

8. Procedure

In September the ECSN Secretariat will send an invitation by way of letters and announcements to the ECSN partner countries. The ECSN partner countries decide which project(s) will be selected from their country.

Entries should include the following:

- Details of the structure and location, the name of the owner and the date of completion (in a structural sense). Details of companies involved in the project should also be given. Company names and contact details must be current and correct as these will be used for promotion and if appropriate in the preparation of an award certificate.
- An entry fee of Euro 250 for each project (non refundable).
- All available information including drawings, documentation, photos detailed description etc. that can be used to enable the judges to make clear judgement.
- At least two copies of 6 to 12 un-mounted photographs of the structure under construction and when completed.
- Written approval of the Award submission from the project owner.

9. Property, rights

The ECSN reserves the right, without the payment of fees or royalties, to make whatever use it may consider desirable of all material submitted in connection with the entries, including the publication of photographs and names, and to select from the entries at its own discretion material for exhibition or publication, irrespective of the results of the award.

10. Judges

The board of the ECSN will appoint a panel of five judges. Experts and specialists will be invited from the fields of:

- Architecture
- Design
- Construction

The judges will make their decisions based on the information submitted by the nominating country. Should it be required, the judges may request additional information to assist them with their decisions. It is not initially intended that the judges should meet together and a suitable voting form will be devised for their use. The judges will be able to discuss any items via the Internet. Judges will have the right to reject any entry, which does not comply with the above mentioned criteria.

The decision of the Judges shall be binding. The discretion of the Judges to make or withhold an award or awards is absolute. The Judges will enter into no discussion or correspondence relating to any decisions.

The Judges may decide not to issue an award(s) should entries be below the required standard.

11. Closing dates for entries

Closing date for receipt of entries to the current Award will be 1 September 2010

12. Announcement of results

Entrants will be notified as soon as the Judges have reached a decision on the Certificates of Excellence Awards. Public announcement of the awards, may be expected in November 2010 and will be subject of media presentation in all ECSN Countries as well as publication in ECSN Review.

13. Presentation

The Awards will be presented every two years with the actual presentations of the awards being made in a different ECSN Member Country in each succeeding two-year period. In 2010 the Awards will be presented during the Netherlands Concrete Day November 2010

14. Publicity

Each member of the ECSN will be asked to provide publicity for the Awards within their country.