

# ***Regulations for second edition of the Silvano Marchetti Award (SMA)***

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

This award in memory of Professor Silvano Marchetti (1943-2016) has been instituted by the ISSMGE Technical Committee TC102 – Ground Property Characterization from In-Situ Tests in cooperation with the University of L'Aquila, Italy. The award will be assigned by a Board described in Section 3 and will be entirely funded by Studio Prof. Marchetti, Italy. The aim of the award is to encourage scientific publications focusing on in-situ testing and its application to geotechnical engineering design, with particular emphasis on DMT and SDMT testing.

## **2. DEFINITION OF THE PRIZE**

- The award will be assigned to a paper submitted to the 7th International Conference on Geotechnical and Geophysical Site Characterization – ISC'7 to be held in Barcelona (2024).
- The paper awarded must meet the requirements listed in Section 4.
- The award consists in a free registration to the ISC'7 conference and a free accommodation for the entire duration of the conference, offered to the author or to one of the authors.
- The author(s) of the awarded paper will receive an official certificate of the award and deliver a presentation of the paper in a dedicated time-slot during the ISC'7 conference. The paper will be published in the ISC'7 conference proceedings with a specific mention to the award.

## **3. CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD AND AWARD OF THE PRIZE**

- The Board assigning the award is composed by:
  - TC102 – reference person: Chair of TC102
  - University of L'Aquila – reference person: one professor in the field of Geotechnical Engineering at the Department of Civil, Construction-Architectural and Environmental Engineering, University of L'Aquila
  - Studio Prof. Marchetti – reference person: Director of Studio Prof. Marchetti
- The Board will select the awarded paper in due time before the ISC'7 conference, in accord with the time schedule established by the ISC'7 Organizing Committee (indicatively one month after the deadline for acceptance of the final papers).
- The Board may report the distinction of other competing papers with an honorable mention.
- The decision taken by the Board is not subject to appeal.

## **4. CONDITIONS OF ADMISSIBILITY**

- All authors applying for the award must submit their paper(s) using the standard procedure. The paper will follow the same review process of all other conference papers. During submission, a specific option or a described procedure will allow to apply for the award.
- All papers applying for the award must have some content concerning Flat Dilatometer (DMT) and/or Seismic Dilatometer (SDMT) testing.

- In the selection of the papers, major importance will be given to the following issues:
  - Originality and innovation in in-situ testing technology, data interpretation and/or geotechnical design applications
  - Clarity and organization of the content
  - Adequacy of the methodology
  - Description of the results and correctness of the conclusions
  - Contribution to present knowledge in the field
  - Potential impact and applicability of the results
  - Adequacy/completeness of the references
- The Board may optionally request further information concerning the content of the paper.
- By submitting their paper to the award all candidates accept the conditions included in this regulation document.