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Standing Orders for the IABSE Outstanding Structure Award (OStrA) .

1. The Award

The IABSE Outstanding Structure Award (OStrA) was established in 1988. It is one of the highest distinctions awarded by IABSE and recognises, in different regions of the world, some of the most remarkable, innovative, creative, or otherwise stimulating structures, but not necessarily the largest, longest, highest, or otherwise record-breaking structures. Sustainability and respect of the environment is also an important factor.

Two Awards will be made each year in the following categories:

- **Building or other structure**
- **Bridge or other infrastructure**

2. Eligibility

Any structure in the world is eligible for nomination, provided it represents a major contribution from structural engineers and has been substantially completed within three years preceding the year of nomination, and can only be submitted once.

Structures will usually be typical engineering structures such as bridges, buildings, civil engineering structures, towers, roofs, etc. Structures designed by architects should have been designed in close co-operation with structural engineers

3. Nominations

Invitations for submission of nominations will be sent to the National Groups and will be published in the IABSE E-Newsletter and/or the IABSE SEI Journal. The deadline for nominations is June 30, for the award in the following year.

Nominations may be submitted by Members of the Executive, Administrative, and Technical Committees as well as by (Chairs of) National Groups and Members of the Outstanding Structure Award Committee (OStrAC).

4. Documents for Nomination

Documents for Nomination are to be submitted to the IABSE Secretariat in electronic form and shall include:

1. A concise description (max ten pages A4 including drawings and photographs) of the structure and its main features, including dates of design and construction.
2. A clear statement of maximum 100 words of why the structure is truly outstanding, innovative or otherwise exceptional.
3. The exact addresses (including email and telephone) of the entity or person who submitted the documents for nomination and of the owner of the structure.
4. A two-page presentation of the structure, including names of owner, engineer, architect and contractor in accordance with formatting instructions as provided by IABSE. IABSE shall have a non-exclusive right to publish this two-page presentation, or any part thereof, in print and/or electronic form, e.g. on the IABSE website, in SEI Journal or as poster at IABSE symposia.

5. Electing Body

The Awarded Structure is elected by the Outstanding Structure Award Committee (OStrAC). The OStrAC is a technical group reporting to the Technical Committee. The members and the chair of the OStrAC shall be longstanding IABSE members with a close contact to practice. All major regions of the world should be represented in the membership of OStrAC.

6. Selection Procedure

The chair of the OStrAC manages the selection procedure. By the end of February at the latest, the OStrAC shall submit its recommendations for the Outstanding Structure Awards (including a short report on the selection procedure applied) to the Technical Committee for endorsement and forwarding to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall consider and act on the recommendation of the OStrAC. The Executive Committee may only disapprove if there is dispute with regard to the eligibility of the structure or the validity of the selection procedure.

The OStrAC discussions are confidential and explanations will not be given regarding any decisions made.

After the Executive Committee has made the final decision, all entities or persons who have submitted a nomination shall receive from the IABSE Secretariat a formal notification in writing.

7. Award Presentation and Plaque Unveiling Ceremony

The owner is encouraged to organize an Award Presentation and Plaque Unveiling Ceremony at the venue of the awarded structure.

IABSE provides a plaque that may be fixed to the awarded structure against payment of a fee of CHF 2000.

The President of IABSE (or his representative, as example, a member of the Executive Committee, the Chair of the National Group concerned or a local Honorary Member) and/or the OStrAC Chair may be invited by the owner to attend the Ceremony. Per invited official representative of IABSE a fee of CHF 3000 must be paid to cover expenses incurred.

The attendance of IABSE members will be encouraged by appropriate publicity of the plaque unveiling ceremony. A corresponding report may be included in the IABSE SEI journal.

8. Privileges

The Award may be used by the owner or other entities involved in design and construction of the awarded structure for public relations purposes, under the condition that the IABSE logo and/or full name are clearly mentioned and will appear in a prominent place.

Diplomas are given to the owner of the awarded structure for distribution to parties involved in the planning, design and construction of the awarded structure, e.g. to the engineers, the architects and the contractors. A maximum of ten diplomas are provided free of charge. Additional diplomas can be purchased from IABSE against payment of a fee.

The winning structures are presented in SEI or other IABSE printed media and on the IABSE website and by means of posters at the annual Symposium or Congress of IABSE.

9. Award Promotion

Information about this award should be sent to national news agencies with a photo and award Laudatio, and a brief description of IABSE. It will also appear in SEI and in a Wikipedia page where the structures are presented.