5. Outstanding Paper Award
(approved by the ExC at its meeting of May 11, 2012 in Zurich)

Definition: The Outstanding Paper Award is remitted each year to the author(s) of a paper published in the preceding year’s issues of the IABSE Journal *Structural Engineering International*, launched in 1991.

Eligibility: Scientific Papers and Technical Reports published in the four SEI issues of the preceding year.

Frequency: one Scientific Papers Award per year and one Technical Reports Award per year

Nomination's deadline and documents: 15 December, for the subsequent year. SEI articles of the year.

Nominations by: Chair OPAC

Election Body: Outstanding Paper Award Committee, as set up each year by the Technical Committee, for the current year. The members of the OPAC shall be present or past members of WCs.

Presentation ceremony: at the ordinary Permanent Committee meeting or in conjunction with the attached Symposium, the President of IABSE will present the Awardee with a Certificate.

Privileges: none.

Particularities: The chair of the OPAC is free with respect to the procedures for the selection process. By the end of March at the latest, the OPAC shall submit their recommendation for the Outstanding Paper Award and a short report on the selection procedure to the President of IABSE.

The Executive Committee shall consider and act on the recommendation of the OPAC. The ExC may only disapprove if there is dispute with regard to the eligibility of the paper or the procedure followed to select the paper.