

FORUM Student Travel Awards for the 10th IAFSS Symposium

These Awards are sponsored by the International FORUM of Fire Research Directors (<http://fireforum.org/>), a group of the Directors of fire research organisations throughout the world, which aims to reduce the burden of fire (including the loss of life and property, and effects of fire on the environment and heritage) through international cooperation on fire research. The award recognises excellence in an IAFSS symposium paper in the field of fire safety science by a student making a significant contribution to that paper.

Award eligibility and its privileges

Each FORUM Student Travel Award consists of a plaque and a US\$1,250 cash payment to assist the recipient with travel-related expenses toward their attendance at the 10th IAFSS Symposium in Maryland, USA. It is intended that four awards will be offered, for a total of US\$5,000, with one award in each of the following *broad* areas of fire research:

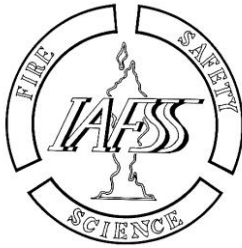
- Fire Physics and Fire Modelling
- Fire Chemistry and Fire Toxicity
- Test Development, Diagnostics and Large Scale Experiments
- Human Factors and Risk Assessment

To be eligible, a student needs to be enrolled in an academic course of study at the time the paper is required to be submitted to the Symposium Program Committee (30 September 2010). Recipients must also present their papers at the Symposium.

A student will normally be the lead author on the paper accepted for presentation at the 10th IAFSS Symposium. If a student is not named as the lead author, a letter from the senior author is required to itemise the student's contribution to the paper. Such a letter is to be forwarded to Professor Takeyoshi Tanaka, Awards Committee, at takey@tomi4620.mbox.media.kyoto-u.ac.jp, by the due date for submission of revised manuscripts.

Nomination process

The corresponding author needs to indicate at the time of paper submission that the paper is to be considered for the FORUM Student Travel Award, and that a nominee is the lead author.



Selection considerations

The winners will be selected by the IAFSS Awards Committee from papers accepted for presentation at the 10th IAFSS Symposium. A list of student papers will be provided to the Awards Committee by the Symposium Program Committee. The Award Committee may decide at its discretion not to select winners in all areas, increasing the amount of the awards available in the remaining areas. The Awards Committee will judge the papers on their quality; i.e., on the originality, clarity, and potential impact on practical or theoretical applications of fire safety science. Consideration may also be given to students who would not be able to attend the Symposium without additional support, and who will travel to attend the Symposium from remote regions.

The winners of the FORUM Student Travel Awards will be announced approximately a month after the authors receive notification of acceptance of their papers for presentation at the Symposium. The recipients will be honoured at a ceremony held during the 10th IAFSS Symposium in June 2011, with the Awards formally presented at that time.

Selection body

The recipient of the Award will be selected by the IAFSS Awards Committee that consists of Professor Bogdan Dlugogorski (Chair, The University of Newcastle, Australia), Professor W.K. Chow (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, HK, China), Professor Jim Quintiere (The University of Maryland, USA), Professor Takeyoshi Tanaka (Kyoto University, Japan) and Professor José Torero (The University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK).

Past recipients

Winners of FORUM Student Travel Awards at 9th IAFSS Symposium in Karlsruhe were

- Sebastian Ukleja, The University of Ulster, UK
- Sung-Han Koo, The University of Edinburgh, UK

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