

GEOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATION



Curry Fund Prize

named after Dennis Curry (1912-2001), supporter of geological education

£1000 cash

plus GA membership
for a year

For the three best theses on a
geology-related topic
arising from taught courses
in UK Universities.

The first three Curry Prizes
will be awarded for those
produced by the
2007-8 cohort of students.

Closing date for submissions
November 15th 2008

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Regulations of the Curry Prizes of the Geologists' Association

Conditions of entry:

1. Entrants are Master's degree students who completed their studies on a taught course not longer than one year prior to the closing date of the entry period.
2. The MSc thesis topic is academically relevant to the geological sciences.
3. Each entry is chosen and submitted (with the agreement of the student concerned), for consideration by the judging panel, by the Director of each eligible MSc taught course. Only *one* thesis may be submitted from a given course per academic year.
4. Entries should be sent in by 31 October in the calendar year following completion of the MSc course.
5. Awardees will be notified in April of the following year.

Additional conditions of entry:

1. By allowing their thesis to be entered for the contest, both authors and course Directors affirm that they have read and accepted these conditions.
2. Family members of those comprising the judging panel and Council members / employees of the Geologists' Association are not eligible to enter the contest.
3. *One* soft-bound/ half-bound copy of an entrant's thesis should be sent, by the Course Director concerned, to: Curry Prize Committee, Geologists' Association, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1J 0DU. The binding must only be secure and sufficient; we do not encourage expenditure on fancy binding.
4. Entries must be accompanied by the following author information: full first name and surname, home address, postcode, e-mail address, telephone number; and a written affirmation that they have read and accepted these regulations.
5. Entries must also be accompanied by the contact name, departmental address and e-mail address of the Course Director concerned.
6. Submitted theses will not be returned, but may be collected from the Geologists' Association office within one month of the date of the announcement of prize awards.

Assessment:

1. The topic of the thesis must, in the opinion of the judging panel, be academically relevant to the *geological* sciences.
2. Judging criteria will be: geological interest, clarity of presentation and argument.
3. It is not possible to appeal against or object to the panel's decision.

Judging panel:

1. The judging panel will be appointed annually by the President of the Geologists' Association, who will be its chairman.
2. In addition to the chairman, the judging panel comprises experts who may not necessarily be members of the Geologists' Association. The number of members of the panel should not be less than *three*.
3. The judging panel has the right to withhold one or more of the awards in any year if the quality of the entries is deemed insufficient.

Prize amount:

The authors of winning entries will receive a cash prize of £1000, a commemorative plaque, and membership of the Geologists' Association for the following calendar year. An awardee may also, at the judges' discretion, where the subject matter is appropriate and the thesis readily adaptable, be invited to submit a manuscript based on their thesis to the *Proceedings of the Geologists' Association* for consideration for publication (subject to the normal refereeing process).

Awards ceremony:

The Curry Prizes will be presented annually to the recipients at the Association's Annual General Meeting, normally held early in May each year, starting in 2008.

Final provision:

In all cases not provided for in these regulations, or in which the judges are not able to reach a final decision, the chairman will decide.