



ICOLD Innovation Awards 2025



AWARD RULES

(Adopted at Stavanger General Assembly in June 2015, modified at the Board of Denver January 2020 and at the Board of Edinburgh 2023)

The International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) confers the **International ICOLD Innovation Awards** for **innovative scientific and technical contributions**, in the field of **dams and reservoirs** with special focus on their role in **sustainable water resources management** under consideration of **environmental constraints**.

The following regulations apply to the awards:

- ▶ These Awards is open to **recent** (less than 10 year), original **scientific and technical original contributions**, that have not been previously submitted to another award, in the field of **dams, reservoirs and levees** regarding **technical** but also **socio-economical and environmental** aspects with consideration of balanced and sustainable **water resources management** as well as **climate change**.
- ▶ Application can be submitted by a **single author** or a **team (3 persons maximum)**.
- ▶ Candidates should submit their applications to the **Central Office**, International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD), EDF LAB - 6 quai Watier, 78400 Chatou (France) for the paper version and by email to contact@icold-cigb.org. **It should be accompanied by a CV of the author(s)** as well as **by a letter to the Jury, which explains how the application fulfils the compliance with the first clause**. The candidates should apply through their National Committees or at least inform them.
- ▶ The application must be **in English or in French** and must be submitted **before September 30th** (2024) in the year before the upcoming ICOLD Congress in Chengdu, China. **One hard copy and an electronic version** are required. The name and the address of the author or authors must be clearly indicated.
- ▶ **The evaluation committee** (jury) is made up of **a chair and members of the ICOLD Board of Directors**. The jury's final decision will be communicated to the winning authors in early 2025.
- ▶ The ICOLD Innovation Awards consist of up to **3 Trophies (GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE)** and **1 500 Euros, 1 000 Euros, 500 Euros** cash prize, respectively. The award receivers will be granted a **free Congress admission** (one per awarded person) to the ICOLD Congress 2025 where they will have the opportunity to present their contributions. If a team is selected for an award (GOLD or

SILVER or BRONZE), the cash prize will be equally divided among the team.

- ▶ The Awards will be given to the winners during the **ICOLD Congress 2025, in Chengdu, China.**
- ▶ If none of the submitted applications fulfils the required quality for the AWARDS, the Jury can decide not to assign it.
- ▶ The awards winners **allow ICOLD to inform the media** about the awards and the winners.
- ▶ The application to the ICOLD Innovation Awards implies that the **candidates accept these rules.** The decision of the Jury will not be open to appeal.
- ▶ The use of copyrighted material is the responsibility of the author(s). They must obtain the appropriate authorizations and make them available to ICOLD. ICOLD cannot be held responsible for any violation of this rule.
- ▶ The report template to be used is the same as for the Congress reports, apart from the title, which should specify "**ICOLD INNOVATION AWARDS 2025**" or at least, reports should be in A4 format, single-column, readable on a Western European computer with the title "**ICOLD INNOVATION AWARDS 2025**". ICOLD reserves the right to refuse reports that do not comply with this rule. Report should not be longer than **15 A4 pages.** In English or French.
- ▶ All entries received that comply with the rules of the ICOLD Innovation Awards will be published in the proceedings of the ICOLD Congress. By entering this competition, the applicant agrees to the publication of the report.

JURY MEMBERS

The jury will be made up of the Board Members and chaired by Professor SUMI.