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1. Scope

From time to time, IAgrE is asked to provide judges for competitions, written papers and articles, and products (such as farm machinery, innovations, and technological solutions). These opportunities are viewed as positive in terms of the goodwill it brings and the scope for publicity for the institution and its work in advancing the profession.

2. Responsibilities

This activity is overseen by the IAgrE Awards Panel which in turn reports to the Executive Committee. The terms of reference for the Awards Panel are shown in Appendix A. Where IAgrE members are involved in judging activities on behalf of the Institution, they are required to do so with reference to all relevant IAgrE Codes of Professional Conduct.

3. Procedure

When approached by an organisation seeking a judge (Agricultural Show Society, Agricultural Event Organisers, Farming Press, etc.), the IAgrE Secretariat will seek advice from the Awards Panel as to the appropriateness of involvement and reach a decision on whether to proceed and on what basis.

Appropriate judges will be sought from the wider IAgrE membership in line with the requirements of the event to be judged. Where possible, the member will have sufficient technical background and currency relevant to the subject.

IAgrE nominated judges will be required to adopt the following arrangements during judging:

- Judges should expect to receive reasonable out of pocket expenses for their judging activities.
- Judges should make sure they have sufficient currency and technical background for the subject and if they feel this is insufficient, they should declare that to the organisers.
- Judges should not receive any payments, products or services from the competition entrant.
- When judging, the values and ethics of the IAgrE should be upheld. This includes appropriate attention to health and safety, positive environmental impact, and the needs of the modern agricultural and associated industry.
- If judging as part of a team which includes non IAgrE members, judges should be respectful of other judges at the same time as upholding the values and ethics of IAgrE
- When judging technical papers, judges should pay particular attention to the currency of the subject and the “novelty value” in terms its contribution to the agriculture and associated industries.

- If there is doubt about the subject, IAgrE nominated judges should, if appropriate and possible, seek a second opinion.
- Where asked to be photographed as part of an awards ceremony, the judge should not put themselves in a position where the publicity might adversely affect the reputation of the Institution.

4. Appendix

Awards Panel

The Awards Panel comprises: The President, the President-elect or their nominee Chairman, other members appointed annually by the Executive Committee.

The Panel normally meets in December/January and is responsible for:

- Considering all eligible papers and recommending the recipient of the DBT award
- Considering all projects submitted for the IAgrE CNH Industrial Award, the Student Project Award and the Student Safety Award and recommending recipients
- Considering nominations made by members for the Branch Meritorious Award and recommending recipients
- Considering nominations made and/or initiating nominations and making recommendations for the Award of Merit
- Considering nominations made and/or initiating nominations and making recommendations for election to Honorary Fellowship
- Considering technical awards made by other bodies for which invitations to nominate are received and making recommendations
- Considering and making recommendation for the award of national honours to members.

All recommendations of the Panel are subject to endorsement by the Executive Committee.