

Iawe International Association for Wind Engineering

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To the Presidents of the
Iawe Member Organisations

Re: Iawe Awards 2007 and "Davenport Medal"

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you well know, starting from ICWE 12, up to four Senior Awards and four Junior Awards will be awarded at each International Conference on Wind Engineering. Article 8 of the Iawe Awards Rules states that: "The nature and value of the Awards shall be determined on each occasion by the current Executive Board".

It is my great pleasure and a special honour to inform you that, interpreting the words and the feelings of several colleagues of every part of the world, the Iawe Executive Board decided to entitle the Senior Iawe Awards 2007 to Prof. Alan Garnett Davenport. This means that the Senior Iawe Awards 2007 will consist in a "Davenport Medal", with his name and his bust, and in a certificate.

The Iawe Executive Board arrived to this decision, noting also that other fathers of wind engineering already link their names with outstanding recognitions. For instance, ASCE periodically awards a "Cermak" medal and a "Scanlan" medal. Following to Iawe resolutions, we commonly use the names "Jensen Number" and "Scruton Number". An analogous recognition is not yet present for Prof. Davenport, widely recognised as a symbol of modern wind engineering.

Considering all these aspects, on behalf of the Iawe Executive Board, during the next Iawe General Assembly, I would like to move a resolution aimed at making the "Davenport Medal" not only the Iawe Senior Award 2007, but the permanent Iawe Senior Award from now on. I hope that you may appreciate this proposal. In any case, I wait to receive comments from you before the Assembly.

In the meanwhile, I would like also to open a debate about the possibility of finding an appropriate entitling for the Iawe Junior Awards. Please let me know any proposal or recommendation. In any case, I will put also this matter under discussion during the next General Assembly.

Looking forward to hearing from you, with best regards, I remain.

Yours sincerely,



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Iawe President

Cc: Iawe Executive Board