



## **The Vetiver Network International Awards 2011**

The Vetiver Network International is pleased to announce the fifth series of Vetiver Awards. TVNI will present Award Certificates. Please note that for ICV-5, TVNI will not present financial awards, however the winners will be featured on our website and on the TVNI blog. In anticipation of the Fifth International Conference (ICV-5) on Vetiver, to be held in Lucknow, India, October 29-31, 2011 and whose theme is “Vetiver and Climate Change”, TVNI hopes to receive nominations for each category. The competition for the Vetiver Awards, in years past, has brought out information that significantly increased our knowledge of Vetiver’s uses, applications and benefits. The deadline for nominations will be July 1, 2011. Award winners will be announced September 1, 2011. Certificates will be presented at ICV-5.

### **Eligibility**

Individuals or groups, who have shown initiative in research, utilization or promotion of the Vetiver System are eligible. These may include farmers, technicians, NGOs, students, scientists, researchers, private companies, innovators, etc. who have produced and documented concrete, repeatable results. Members of the TVN Board of Directors are not eligible for awards.

### **Award Categories**

Award Certificates will be given in four categories:

1. Innovation
2. Climate Change
3. Country Vetiver Award
4. Vetiver Champion

There will be two certificates given for the first three categories, a winner and a runner-up and only one for the Vetiver Champion.

### **Documentation**

Nominations may either be from individuals or groups regarding their own work or be made by another person. Documentation can consist of many types of information (personal accounts, reports, articles, photographs, scientific papers, testimonials etc.). We require the inclusion of relevant photographs especially showing before and after situations. Please be as brief and clear as possible, however a simple summary is not sufficient. To allow full participation of board members in the review of applications, all submissions must be in English.

### **Information Required**

1. Name and address of the nominee, postal, email and telephone number if possible
2. Name and address of the nominator, postal, email and telephone if possible
3. Project information:
  - a. Location of the project
  - b. Description of the project
  - c. Accomplishments of the project
  - d. Importance of the project
  - e. Supporting documentation (optional but useful in determining awards)
  - f. Name and address of a reference who is familiar with the project

Electronic submission via email with attachments is required, and should be sent to the following e-mail address: [truong@uqconnect.net](mailto:truong@uqconnect.net)

Emailed documents should be either in .doc or .pdf format. If pictures are sent which are not embedded in the document, they should be in .jpg format. The maximum size of the document cannot exceed 3MB including embedded photos, charts and graphics. The maximum size of the document plus all attachments is 4 MB. This means that if you add an external attachment along with the document submission the maximum of the two can only be 4 MB.

TVNI will email the applicant to confirm receipt of the award nomination by TVNI.

### **Award Selection**

Projects will be judged using the following criteria.

**Merit:** quality of thought and methods used to accomplish the project's goals

**Relevance:** project's potential to protect/improve the environment or lower costs or improve the quality of life or other noteworthy impacts

**Originality:** including using old ideas in new ways

**Applicability:** Demonstrated usefulness of the results

Extra credit will be given (where relevant) to those who include practical details of benefits and costs or a cost/benefit analysis or efficiency analysis (i.e. cost/benefits of the Vetiver System compared to traditional or other systems).

## **Award Categories – Illustrative Details**

Within these categories, there are no predefined topics. The creativity and innovation of the user is the only constraint. The ideas listed below are only illustrative to give a clearer idea of what might be interesting.

**Country Vetiver Award** - Award given to acknowledge the best overall achievements and results of a countrywide Vetiver program.

**Vetiver champion** - This open to nomination for individuals who have been instrumental, either in their country or region or technical area in effective and dedicated promotion, investigation, improvement, etc., of the use of the Vetiver system. (Please note that individuals may not nominate themselves.)

**Innovation** – demonstrating the use of Vetiver technology in new areas, examples in the past have been agricultural pest management, wastewater treatment, pesticide absorption, and income generation. Other categories might include but are certainly not limited to urban use, watershed (large scale) management, natural disaster mitigation and coastal protection.

**Climate Change** – the demonstrated use or the potential use of the Vetiver system to demonstrate the mitigating effect on climate change that currently provokes an increase in natural disaster's or changes in climatic patterns (rainfall, drought, fire etc.) that have negative impacts on infrastructure, the environment, communities and livelihoods.

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