



The Vetiver Network Awards

The Vetiver Network is pleased to announce the fourth series of Vetiver Awards, made possible thanks to a grant from the Amberstone Trust. TVN will award a total of \$10,000 in prize money, distributed as described below. In anticipation of the Fourth International Conference (ICV-4) on Vetiver, to be held in Caracas, Venezuela, October 22-26, 2006 and whose theme is “Vetiver and People”, TVN hopes to receive many 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, 2006. Award winners will be announced September 1, 2006. Certificates will be presented at ICV-4.

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

Monetary awards will be given in four categories:

1. Innovation
2. Disaster Mitigation
3. Country Vetiver Award
4. Vetiver Champion

Award value

Awards will be \$2250 for first prize for each of these three categories, Innovation, Country Vetiver Award, and Disaster Mitigation and \$3250 for the Vetiver Champion. Certificates will also be issued to recognize significant achievements of applicants who did not obtain one of the monetary awards.

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

This documentation should be mailed to the Vetiver Network care of:

Dale Rachmeler
The Vetiver Network
106 Denver Road
Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, USA

Please include a self addressed post card or envelope or return email address that will be used to confirm receipt of the award nomination by TVN.

Alternatively electronic submission via email with attachments should be sent to the following e-mail address:

Rachmeler@vetiver.org

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.

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 country-wide Vetiver program.

Vetiver champion – open to nomination for people 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.

Disaster Mitigation – the demonstrated use or the potential use of the Vetiver system to reduce natural disaster's negative impacts on infrastructure, the environment, communities and livelihoods.

Dale Rachmeler
President, TVN
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