

Russian Mineralogical Society Award Call 2007 for Outstanding Scientific Publications and Textbooks

Russian Mineralogical Society (RMS) launches Award Calls for Outstanding Scientific Publications and Textbooks on mineralogy, petrology, mineralogical crystallography, economical geology and geochemistry.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND SCOPE

In 2007 RMS launches two Calls:

- 1) **Outstanding Young Researcher Award** for Russian researchers (nomination YR2007) and non-Russian researchers (nomination YW2007);
- 2) **Monographs and Textbooks Award** for Russian authors (nomination MR2007) and for non-Russian authors (nomination MW2007).

Any authors of scientific publications can submit proposals for the corresponding nomination independently of scientific degree and position in educational/research or other institution. Citizens of the Russian Federation submit proposals for the nominations YR2007 and MR2007, foreign citizens submit proposals for the nominations YW2007 and MW2007. Scientific publications and textbooks subjected in proposals must be written in English or Russian.

2. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Only submissions through the RMS Internet-based on-line submission system are accepted (<http://www.minsoc.ru>). Proposals sent by post, e-mail, telex or facsimile will be rejected without notice. Submission of a proposal consists of two steps:

- 1) In order to prepare and submit a proposal the applicant should access the RMS Submission System through Internet site (<http://www.minsoc.ru>; link: "Registration"). When accessing the submission system for the first time the applicant will be asked to enter his/her e-mail address and other personal and address data, including valid postal address and phone number. In return s/he will receive by e-mail the user login and the password.

- 2) By using the password the applicant is able to execute the proposal submission through the Submission System (link: "RMS Award Call 2007").

Correctly submitted proposals will be accepted by the Award Commission representative after verification. Accepted proposal cannot be replaced or edited by the applicant. The applicant will be informed about the acceptance of the proposal through his/her email address.

Deadlines. It is imperative that all proposals are submitted before 15.09.2007. If additional materials must be submitted by the applicant (e.g. an exemplar of the monograph/textbook etc.), they must reach the Russian Mineralogical Society Presidium before 15.09.2007.

The address of the RMS Presidium and Library:

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3. ELIGIBILITY AND PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS FOR DIFFERENT CALLS

3.1. Outstanding Young Researcher Award. The subject of a proposal should be an original scientific article published in any reviewed scientific journal from 2005 to 2007. The applicant should be the first author of the article. The age of the applicant should not exceed 35 full years in 2007. The applicant can submit only one proposal.

The proposal is organized in four fields, each to be filled in: (1) year of birth of the applicant, (2) scanned passport pages with photo and principal information (full names, nationality and date of birth) as a JPEG image file, (3) the full bibliographic data of article subjected in proposal, and (4) the fulltext electronic version of the article in PDF file format or as a ZIP/RAR archive of scanned article pages. Electronic versions of articles will not be published on the RMS Internet site and will be deleted after the evaluation procedure.

3.2. Monographs and Textbooks Award. The subject of a proposal should be a scientific monograph or a university textbook printed from 2005 to 2007. One exemplar of the book must be donated by the applicant to the Library of the Russian Mineralogical Society before the proposal submission deadline.

The proposal is organized in three fields, each to be filled in: (1) type of book (select between scientific monograph and university textbook), (2) full bibliographic data of the book, and (3) the date, the book was sent to the RMS Library at.

4. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The criteria governing the evaluation of proposals are given in the Evaluation form for the RMS Award Call 2007 (Appendix 1). Evaluation of proposals is organized by the RMS Award Commission consisting of RMS Presidium members. The resolutions of the Award Commission must be approved by the RMS Presidium before inuring. The Award Commission is responsible for distribution of the Award Call announcements, control over the on-line Submission System, distribution of proposals between peer-reviewers, collection of the evaluation results and determination of Award winners.

For each proposal, evaluators are selected and appointed by the Commission from its independent experts' database, with a view to achieve maximum competence for the evaluation. Every proposal will be evaluated by three evaluators. Best proposals will be defined according to number of given points (see Appendix 1). The evaluation procedure is strongly confidential. The evaluators and members of the Award Commission cannot distribute this information. RMS does not inform applicants about the details of the evaluation process.

The Award Commission will be created during May/June, 2007. The Award Commission delivers the proposals to the evaluators before 15.09.2007. The evaluation of applications and determination of winners will be completed before 20.09.2007.

5. AWARDING PROCEDURE

Three best proposals in every nomination will be awarded with the RMS Diploma. Depending on sponsoring the financial support for best applications can be constituted. For nominations YR2007 and YW2007 the applicant will be awarded. For nominations MR2007 and MW2007 the group of authors will be awarded. The awarding procedure will take place on the plenary session of the RMS Annual Session 2007 (Russia, Moscow, Vernadsky State Geological Museum, 8-10.10.2007) and on the plenary session of the 2nd International conference "Crystallogenes and mineralogy" (Russia, Saint-Petersburg State University, 1-5.10.2007). Awarded applicants are invited to the corresponding conference to make plenary presentations and publish the extended abstract in the proceedings of the RMS Annual Session 2007. Awarded books will be exhibited in the RMS Library during October and November, 2007. The list of awarded and other applicants and proposals will be published on the RMS website (www.minsoc.ru). The list of awarded applicants will also be published in the RMS annual report 2007 in the scientific journal «Zapiski RMO» (Proceedings of the Russian Mineralogical Society).

These rules are published on the RMS website <http://www.minsoc.ru>. Any questions and enquires concerning the functionality of the RMS on-line Submission System must be referred to admin@minsoc.ru.

Appendix 1. Evaluation form for the RMS Award Call 2007.

1. Merit of the innovation level of the studied problem:

- very high (3 points)
- significant (2 points)
- not significant (1 point)
- absent (0 points)

2. Merit of the scientific novelty of results:

- results are consistent to the world best developments (3 points)
- results are consistent to national best developments (2 points)
- ordinary work carried out on the modern level (1 point)
- level of the work fall behind the modern level (0 points)

3. Merit of the economic and social impact (possible implementation of results):

- very high (implementation is very expected and results are ready for it) (3 points)
- high (results are ready for implementation) (2 points)
- middle (implementation is possible) (1 point)
- low (only hypothetic implementation) (0 points)

4. Merit of the quality of results:

- results completely correspond to the mentioned goals (2 points)
- results partially correspond to the mentioned goals (1 point)
- results insufficiently correspond to the mentioned goals (0 points)

5. Balance between the abstractive part and the original part of the work:

- main part of the work describes the results of an original research (3 points)
- original research is at beginning phase (1 point)
- original research is only planned (0 points)

6. Relevancy of the investigation object to Russia:

- all studied objects are relevant to Russia (2 points)
- some studied objects are relevant to Russia (1 point)
- no relevancy (0 points)

7. Relevancy of the experimental part of the work to Russia:

- the work is completely made in Russia (2 points)
- the work is partly (any field or laboratory works) made in Russia (1 point)
- no relevancy (0 points)

8a. Rating of the publishing house (for monographs and textbooks).

- scientific publishing with international level (3 points)
- scientific publishing with national or regional level (1 point)
- publishing is not specialized on scientific literature (0 points)

8b. Impact factor of the journal (for scientific papers).

- >2 (3 points)
- 1-2 (2 points)
- <1 (1 point)
- not defined (0 points)

9. RMS membership of the principal author (to be filled by a RMS Presidium member):

- Full member, Honorary member or corresponding member (1 point)
- no membership (0 points)

Maximum number of points is 22.