

## **CONDITIONS TO BE GRANTED THE "ALAFAR AWARDS"**

These conditions rule and establish the procedures for the "ALAFAR AWARDS" competition sponsored by the Latin American Association of Refractory Manufacturers.

The Latin American Association of Refractory Manufacturers, hereinafter referred to as "ALAFAR", is a non-for-profit civil society created pursuant to the laws of the Republic of Uruguay; its main place of business is in Montevideo, Uruguay.

According to "ALAFAR" Bylaws, ALAFAR's main purposes are:

- Providing technical consultancy to Latin American organizations in the specific area of refractory materials.
- Promoting among members scientific dissemination and exchange as related to the industry.
- Defending the interests of the refractory industry in the area.
- Encouraging the training of specialized labor and technicians.
- Disseminating the literature, publishing, and participating in specialized congresses.
- Promoting the correct designation and classification of refractory products and keeping industry statistics.

### **ONE: OBJECT**

The purpose of the ALAFAR awards is encouraging and incenting research in the area of refractory products, including but not limited to Raw Materials, Manufacturing Engineering, Products, Applications, Basic Science, and other topics which are of the interest of the refractory industry.

The Latin American Association of Refractory Manufacturers in its Executive Board meeting established that for the purpose of achieving its Bylaw purposes, ALAFAR will award the best three papers presented in its biannual Congresses, starting 2012, with the exception of those years when the ALAFAR Congress coincides with UNITECR's, in South America.

This decision was ratified by the General Meeting of Bahia, Brazil, in October 2009.

The contest is open only to those contestants whose country of origin or residence shall deem this competition and its conditions legally valid and enforceable.

### **TWO: HOW TO PARTICIPATE - PROCEDURE**

#### **a) Eligibility**

1- This contest is open only to those who register for, and are present at the ALAFAR Congress of the year when the awards are being granted. Paper submission may not be made by any another person.

2- Technical papers may be written in Spanish, Portuguese or English. In the case of papers written in Portuguese or Spanish, an English translation must be provided.

3- Each participant may enter a maximum of two papers.

4- Papers may have been written by up to five authors, and must be innovative; therefore, they may not have been presented at any other previous Congress or Event.

5- ALAFAR shall have the right to reproduce and publish any papers presented at the Congress in its Website and other specialized media.

6- By participating, entrants fully accept these terms and conditions.

### **b) Amendments**

ALAFAR reserves the right to amend the terms and conditions of this competition as many times as may be necessary in order to clarify such terms and conditions, provided that such amendments shall be duly communicated before the Competition is awarded.

### **c) Procedure**

The criteria to be applied by the Evaluating Committee to score the papers are:

- Originality;
- Overall content of the paper;
- Methodologies applied;
- Bibliographic references;
- Oral presentation;
- The author's knowledge and command of the topic.

The decision of the Evaluating Committee shall be submitted to the Executive Board for its approval; the Executive Board's decision shall be final.

The Evaluating Committee shall be elected by the Executive Board and shall be made up of five members:

- A Chair (preferably, ALAFAR's Technical Director);
- Three members belonging to organizations which are Full Members of ALAFAR;
- One member of academic extraction, or coming from a University, or a Corresponding Member of ALAFAR's.
  
- In all, the Committee may not have more than two members of the same nationality.

It is expressly forbidden for Evaluating Committee members to:

- Author or co-author technical papers submitted for the ALAFAR Awards.
- Evaluating Committee members must refrain from voting in connection with any papers submitted by employees of their organization or economic group, or by any family members up to the second degree of consanguinity, or if there are any conflicting interests in connection with the paper or paper authors.

The definitive decision, paper selection, and presentation of the AWARDS is final and may not be appealed, and it is the exclusive right of ALAFAR's.

### **THREE: AWARDS**

Pursuant to this competition, ALAFAR will grant three awards:

a) US\$ 8,000 for the winner, b) US\$ 4,000 for the first runner up; and c) US\$ 3,000 for the second runner up.

Awards not granted one year shall not accrue for the following event.

### **FOUR: PLACE OF AWARD AND DATE OF COMPETITION**

The competition shall take place at the biannual Congresses, with the exception of years when the ALAFAR Congress coincides with UNITECR's, in South America.

Awards shall be announced and promoted in ALAFAR's website, as well as in journals and scientific events.

### **FIVE: PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD TO BE PRESENTED**

The winners will be announced and awarded at the Congress of the year of paper submittal.

These Terms and Conditions may also be seen at [www.alafar.org](http://www.alafar.org)