



## **World Association of Soil and Water Conservation**

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## **WASWAC Youth Outstanding Paper Evaluation**

To encourage early-career scientists to contribute to soil and water conservation in the world, the WASWAC has evaluated the WASWAC Youth Outstanding Paper 4 times since 2015. Together with the WASWAC 4th International Youth Forum on Soil and Water Conservation (IYFSWC), which will be held from September 21 to 24, 2024 in Shenyang, China. The application for the award is open from now.

This award will be presented to early-career scientists of outstanding research papers on soil and water conservation. The award consists of a Certificate from the WASWAC and a \$1000 (USD) honorarium financially supported by the Beijing Datum Technology Company. In the case of multi-author papers, the award will be presented only to the first author.

### **Eligibility**

- The first author of the manuscript should be in their early career in research. In principle, preference will be given to scientists who are not beyond 40 years old by December 31, 2024.
- The papers should have creativity and originality, as reflected in new insights, interpretations, facts, innovations, methods, or applications.
- The papers should be written in English and should be clear, concise, comprehensible, and jargon-free, such that the papers are easy to read and understand.
- The papers submitted for consideration for the evaluation should not have been previously published, and the authors should submit the paper with an oral presentation at the 4th International Youth Forum on Soil and Water Conservation (IYFSWC).
- The papers passed evaluation must be submitted to the International Soil and Water Conservation Research (ISWCR) which is the official journal of WASWAC and SCIE

indexed (IF 6.4)

(<http://www.keaipublishing.com/en/journals/international-soil-and-water-conservation-research/>). The final publishing will go through peer reviewing follow the journal publishing procedures and rules.

- The previous awardees in 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2021 are ineligible for this evaluation.

### **Procedure**

- Application: The author should submit the abstract along with the application form by April 15, 2024. The full paper must be submitted on or before May 15, 2024.
- Nomination and Peer-review process: The Award Committee will screen and nominate the research papers that will undergo the peer-review process by the experts.
- Evaluation and selection: Based on the results of the peer-review process, the Evaluation Committee will select the Outstanding Youth Paper Awardees.

### **Significant Dates**

Submission of application form / Paper abstract: April 15, 2024

Submission of full paper: May 15, 2024

Nomination announcement: July 15, 2024

Final awardees announcement: September, 2024

### **Application procedure**

Send your application form with abstract/full paper to the application directly to:

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