

# J G Gillespie Gold Medal Prize

## Formal Call for Nominations

**The Institution of Surveyors, Victoria (ISV) is now accepting nominations for the 2011 J G Gillespie Gold Medal Prize.**

**Lt Col James G Gillespie**, MBE, LS, Hon.FIS Aust., FRICS established the Prize in 1983 to encourage aspiring, young professionals to cultivate their careers. Each year the award recognises a member of the profession who shows a combination of academic merit, technical ability, professional achievement, leadership and community spirit.

### **Eligibility**

The award is open to graduates in the Science of Surveying at RMIT University. To be eligible, candidates must have:

1. between 2 and 10 years (approx.) professional experience since graduation;  
and
2. completed further education or training (ie. awarded a post-graduate degree **or** obtained Registration as a Licensed Surveyor or similar); and
3. displayed qualities that reflect credit on the broader surveying profession and on themselves.

In a change from the past ISV membership is no longer a prerequisite. The intention of the Prize is to recognise outstanding achievements of RMIT graduates in the broader discipline of surveying, and to honour qualities that reflect credit on the profession. All candidates, irrespective of professional memberships, must show how they satisfy this Prize criterion. Nominations from non-ISV members should include details of other professional memberships and how their actions generally align with the objects and principle aims of the ISV. The Judging Panel will assess the level and calibre of achievements when determining parity.

Any RMIT surveying graduate who draws on expertise inherent in the discipline in their work and who demonstrates service to the community and exceptional professional achievement may be a contender for the Gillespie Prize.

### **Selection Criteria**

The Prize commemorates Lt Col Gillespie's service to the profession and the community. Contenders for the Prize will demonstrate the attributes that Lt Col Gillespie himself considered important to the life and education of a surveyor, including continuing higher education and contributions to the community.

In accordance with Lt Col Gillespie's Will, the Prize is awarded on the basis of a combination of any or all of the following:

- (a) paper/s submitted for publication in a reputable journal
- (b) achievement in post-graduate study in the broader discipline of surveying science (eg. Masters Degree), including projects submitted and examinations completed by the candidate in conjunction with obtaining Registration as a Licensed Surveyor under the Surveying Act 2004.
- (c) any other outstanding academic ability or achievement displayed (eg. MBA)
- (d) notable professional achievement, including demonstrated leadership qualities
- (e) professional reputation
- (f) any development of improved methods or working systems initiated by the candidate

### **Nomination**

It is the duty of all members of the profession to submit nominations for worthy candidates. In particular, employers and colleagues of RMIT surveying graduates are in the best position to nominate a suitable candidate. Your nomination alone will be a tangible recognition of their work and value. Nominating an employee for one of the profession's most elite prizes also reflects prestige on the company they work in and their colleagues.

To encourage a broad range of candidates, members should look beyond the traditional fields and roles for surveying graduates. Today surveying graduates are involved in diverse applications of the discipline across expanding market sectors.

The Judging Panel will also accept nominations directly from candidates. A minimum of three referee statements must be attached in support of self-nominating applications.

It is a condition of the award that candidates cannot be nominated more than twice or win it more than once.

### **To Make an Expression of Interest**

If you know of a worthy candidate, you need only forward an Expression of Interest to the ISV office containing:

- Proposer's name and preferred contact details
- Nominee's name, degree name and year of graduation
- Proposer's relationship to Nominee

Expressions of Interest should be forwarded as soon as possible and addressed to:-  
Gary White, Executive Officer, The Institution of Surveyors Victoria, Suite 207, 13-21 Bedford Street, North Melbourne Vic 3051. Email submissions encouraged to: [gwhite@isvic.org.au](mailto:gwhite@isvic.org.au)

### **Please do not delay in making an Expression of Interest.**

A representative of the Prize Secretariat will then contact you and assist in preparing a formal nomination, which will include:

- a detailed written description of the accomplishments of the nominee
- an explanation of why those accomplishments merit the Gillespie Prize
- resume (optional but will aid in the selection process)

Suitable candidates will be invited to discuss their nomination in an interview with the Judging Panel. Expectations on Prize winners in upholding the Gillespie spirit will also be broached.

### **Formal Nominations for the 2011 J G Gillespie Gold Medal Prize should be received by Friday 27 May 2011.**

The determination of the Judging Panel is final. The award will be presented at the ISV's annual gala dinner. Conferral of the award includes a plaque bearing a replica of the gold medal of the Institution that Lt Col Gillespie returned to the profession upon his death. Winners' names are inscribed on the J G Gillespie Gold Medal Prize honour board displayed at RMIT University. In addition, ISV members who win the Prize will receive free subscription for one year.

### **Summary of Objects and Principle Aims of the ISV**

- Advance and elevate the science of surveying as a profession in Victoria
- cultivate friendly relations among members
- encourage the study of the discipline
- improve and elevate the general and scientific knowledge of the profession and improve professional performance

- develop surveying as a necessary and respected discipline and provide liaison with associated areas
- maintain high standards of professional ethics, promote greater public understanding, and demonstrate a responsible and dignified presence in the community

Through the Prize the spirit of Lt Col Gillespie inspires us all.

**Scott Jukes, ISV President  
& Chairman of the Gillespie Prize Judging Panel**