

JOHANNES TH. THIJSSE AWARD

The directors and trustees of the Coastal Education & Research Foundation [CERF], publisher of the *Journal of Coastal Research*, take pleasure in announcing the establishment of the **Johannes Th. Thijsse Award**. The general purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding contribution to coastal engineering. Specifically, it will honor the "best paper of the year," published in the Journal, that deals with a coastal engineering, port hydraulics, sedimentation, or waves versus structure subject. The criteria for outstanding contributions are not rigidly defined *a priori* because the ways in which a significant contribution might have been made may be unique and original. Nominations for the award are accepted from any member of the editorial board or trustee of the Foundation.

The final selection among candidates will be made by a select 5-member international panel. The membership of the panel will be announced in the Journal and will include representatives from important centers of coastal research. Recipients of the award will be recognized in the Journal, receive a certificate and the assurance that they are elevated in their peer's eyes.

The award is named in honor of the late Prof. Johannes Theodoor Thijsse, a well-known Dutch engineer. In addition to his work for the Zuyder Zee reclamation (1917-1958), Prof. Thijsse was leader of the Delft Hydraulics Laboratory from 1927 until his retirement as Director in 1960. Prof. Thijsse was an Officer in the Order of Orange Nassau, a Knight in the Order of the Netherlands Lion, and a recipient of a Gold Medal of the House Order of Orange. In addition to a number of honors given to him by other rulers and governments, Prof. Thijsse was awarded the William Bowie Medal at the Annual Meeting of the American Geophysical Union in 1958. Prof. Thijsse was co-founder of the International Association for Hydraulic Research, of which he was secretary from 1935 to 1959. Other professional associations included membership in the Bataafs Genootschap (Batavian Association), the Royal Netherlands Academy of Science (Physics Section), the Netherlands Scientific Company, and Chairman of the Netherlands Commission for Marine Research.

Those authors not wishing to be considered for the Thijsse Award should make their intentions known to the Editor-in-Chief. Such notification can be made at the time of submission or at a later date when the manuscript is accepted for publication in the journal. All other contributions will be considered by the select international panel. Authors of papers nominated for evaluation from the short list will be notified in due course.

The selection by the judges is final. Although the award is intended for an annual designation, its placement will depend on the number and quality of papers submitted to the Journal in the various categories under consideration.