

IAS Sun Shu Research Prizes

Background

The Sun Shu Prizes (**Sun Shu Prize China** and **Sun Shu Prize International**) are awarded to recognise outstanding scientists in the field of sedimentology. The Prizes are awarded to honour the late Prof. Sun Shu, a Chinese sedimentologist whose success and fame was achieved through the integration of sedimentological analysis into numerous areas of research including sedimentary geotectonics, mineral resources, and environmental sciences. He was a true pioneer in terms of using tectonic facies analysis concepts and sedimentological data to solve problems related to tectonics and basin analysis.

Candidates for the Sun Shu Prizes must be Full Members of the IAS aged between 35-45 years (at the date of the submission deadline). The prizes are awarded every two years, at the occasion of the International Sedimentological Congress and at the International Meetings of Sedimentology two years later, to: (i) a Chinese scientist (Sun Shu Prize China) and (ii) an International scientist (Sun Shu Prize International). The award ceremony will be held at the appropriate conference, which the recipients are encouraged to attend.

Scope

To recognise outstanding work in the field of sedimentology. Candidates shall be aged between 35-45 years old at the date of the submission deadline.

Award

The award consists of prize money of 1,300 EUR and the Sun Shu medal. Winners will also be offered full membership of IAS for 2 years. Winners will be honoured and invited to give a keynote talk in an appropriate session at the IAS conference where they receive the award. Citations and replies will be published in the IAS Newsletter.

Award procedure

A call for nominations will be published in the IAS Newsletter, on the IAS website and via IAS Social Media, and on the China Association of Sedimentologists (CAS) webpage. Regional correspondents will be encouraged to seek nominations from their local sedimentological communities.

Nominations for the International candidate (**Sun Shu Prize International**) should be submitted to the General Secretary via the IAS Executive Officer (eo@sedimentologists.org), prior to the deadline set out in the call for nominations.

Nominations for the Chinese candidate (**Sun Shu Prize China**) will be submitted by the CAS to the IAS General Secretary by email.

Eligible nominations will consist of the following elements:

1. At least one letter of nomination by a senior Full Member of the IAS with at least 20 years academic or industry employment, outlining the main scientific contributions of the nominee (maximum 2 pages)



2. At least one letter of support from an academic IAS Full Member to second the proposal (maximum 1 page)
3. A full CV for the nominee (maximum 2 pages)
4. A list of the nominee's 10 most significant publications plus their complete bibliography (the complete bibliography may be sent as a separate attachment, or as a link to a webpage)

The nominations will be judged on the basis of the following criteria:

- Letters of nomination and support
- Publication record
- Significant contributions, and impact on, the field of sedimentology
- Diversity of research
- Other notable achievements
- The recipient must be a member of the IAS at the time the prize is awarded

The Sun Shu Prize committee is chaired by the Past President of the IAS and consists of the members of the IAS Council. The committee will evaluate all nominations and make a recommendation to the IAS Bureau. The Bureau will then make a decision based on their own assessment and the committee's recommendation.