

The
ATHALIE RICHARDSON IRVINE
Clarke Prize
for Outstanding Achievement
in Water Science and Technology

About the Clarke Prize

Mrs. Athalie Richardson Irvine Clarke, co-founder of the National Water Research Institute (NWRI), recognized the vital importance of water and strongly promoted better water science and technology.



In honor of Mrs. Clarke’s vision, NWRI established the Clarke Prize in 1993 to recognize outstanding research accomplishments that solve real-world water problems and to highlight the importance and need to continue funding this type of research.

The Clarke Prize consists of a medallion and \$50,000 prize. It is one of only a dozen water prizes awarded worldwide and has been distinguished by the International Congress of Distinguished Awards as one of the most prestigious awards in the world.

Requirements

- The recipient must be currently active in research focused on the discovery, development, improvement, and/or understanding of the issues associated with water quality, quantity, technology, or public policy.
- The recipient must be currently practicing within the United States.
- The recipient must be available to attend the Clarke Prize award ceremony, which will be held in late summer or early fall 2012 in Southern California.
- As part of the award ceremony, the recipient must deliver the annual Clarke Lecture.

Selection Criteria

The Clarke Prize recipient is selected by the Clarke Prize Executive Committee after careful consideration of all qualifying nominees.

The research disciplines of Clarke Prize nominees include, but are not limited to, engineering, physical and chemical sciences, biological sciences, health sciences, political sciences, and planning and public policy.

The Executive Committee will review nominees based on the following criteria:

- Active engagement in current research endeavors.
- Professional career accomplishments.
- Demonstrated excellence through research contributions.

Dates to Remember

Nomination Deadline	March 1, 2012
Announcement of Award	April-May 2012
Clarke Prize Award Ceremony	Late Summer-Early Fall 2012

Nomination Package

All nominations must be submitted in English and must include the following items:



1. 2012 Clarke Prize Nomination Cover Sheet

The cover sheet is available on NWRI's website at www.nwri-usa.org/nominations.htm. Please download this form and fill out the appropriate information relating to identifying the nominee, nominator, and three individuals submitting letters of recommendation.

2. Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae of the Nominee

Please ensure that all honors and awards/recognitions are listed on the resume or vitae, including keynote presentations. If the resume or vitae includes a publication list, please list refereed journals only. Do not list conferences or lectures.

3. Summary of Accomplishments

Please provide a brief statement (limited to five pages) describing the most salient accomplishments and research contributions of the nominee's professional career. Be clear and succinct, and emphasize individual efforts and recognitions. This statement may be written in letter format, addressed to the Clarke Prize Executive Committee.

4. Three Letters of Recommendations

On the Nomination Cover Sheet (Item #1), please identify three (3) individuals who will submit letters of recommendation on behalf of the nominee. We will only accept letters of recommendation from these three identified individuals. Please note the following:

- No more than one (1) recommendation letter may be submitted from the same institution as the nominee (if the nominator is from the same institution as the nominee, then no recommendation letters from that institution will be allowed).
- Letters must be provided in PDF format, using letterhead with an electronic signature. They may be addressed to the Clarke Prize Executive Committee.
- The nominator should include the three letters of recommendation as part of the complete nomination package (the letters do not need to be submitted individually).
- Nominations that do not receive letters from each of the three listed references will be disqualified.
- These recommendation letters are a vital part of the selection process. It is in your nominee's best interest to encourage the letter writers to provide a detailed summary of why they feel the nominee is an ideal candidate to receive the Clarke Prize.

Submission Process

Please convert all items to a PDF and email them to the Clarke Prize Coordinator at clarke@nwri-usa.org by March 1, 2012.

Incomplete nominations will not qualify. Nominations are considered incomplete if any items listed in the Nomination Package, including letters of recommendation, are missing or not received by March 1.

Contact Information

Address for the Clarke Prize Executive Committee:

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For questions, please contact:

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Clarke Laureates at the 2011 Clarke Prize Award Ceremony and Lecture: (from left) Bruce Logan, Jerald Schnoor, Mark Wiesner, George Tchobanoglous, Walter Weber, and Menachem Elimelech.

Nomination Roll-Over Policy

Nominations will be eligible for consideration for up to three (3) years total – that is, the year nominated and 2 years after. Nominators may update the nomination package during this time period.

After the 3-year period, the nominee will be considered ineligible for re-nomination for another two (2) years.

For example, if an individual is nominated in 2012, then the nomination will also be considered in 2013 and 2014. The individual will be eligible for re-nomination in 2017.

About the Clarke Prize Award Ceremony and Lecture

The 2012 recipient of the Clarke Prize will receive the award at the NWRI Annual Clarke Prize Award Ceremony and Lecture, to be held in late summer or early fall 2012 in Orange County, California. The award ceremony involves a dinner and Lecture given by the recipient. If able to attend, the nominator may be asked to introduce the recipient during the award ceremony.

Clarke Prize Laureates

2011	Mark R. Wiesner, Ph.D., P.E.	2002	Harry F. Ridgway, Ph.D.
2010	Jerald L. Schnoor, Ph.D.	2001	Joan B. Rose, Ph.D.
2009	Bruce E. Logan, Ph.D.	2000	Charles R. O'Melia, Ph.D.
2008	Nancy R. Rabalais, Ph.D.	1999	James J. Morgan, Ph.D.
2007	James L. Barnard, Ph.D., P.E.	1998	Rafael L. Bras, Sc.D.
2006	Philip C. Singer, Ph.D., P.E.	1997	Perry L. McCarty, Sc.D.
2005	Menachem Elimelech, Ph.D.	1996	Walter J. Weber, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.
2004	Vernon L. Snoeyink, Ph.D.	1995	Davis C. White, M.D., Ph.D.
2003	George Tchobanoglous, Ph.D., P.E.	1994	Bruce E. Rittmann, Ph.D.

More information about the Clarke Prize is available at www.nwri-usa.org/ClarkePrize.htm