

ISWA MEDIA AWARD INFORMATION

- ***Eligibility and Requirement***

The ISWA Media Award is open to professional journalists from the print and internet media – Newspapers, Newsmagazines, Online Newspaper throughout the world.

The registrant journalist might be author or one of the authors of the submitted article. Entries cannot be made without the prior permission of the media vehicle where the article has been published.

All entries must have been published for the first time between 5 June 2011 and 4 June 2012.

Articles might be submitted through an ISWA National Member (***WASTES MANAGEMENT SOCIETY OF NIGERIA***), who will evaluate the submitted articles and send the best ones to ISWA, to be evaluated by the Judging Panel. To be considered for the award, the article must have been published in the country where it will be submitted.

Articles must be written in English. If it is written in any language other than English, the competitor must provide a translation in English that is substantially equivalent to the text of the original non-English language version of the article. However, it is not necessary that the translation be done by a certified or official translator. The translated copy must be submitted at the same time of the original non-English article.

Each article constitutes one entry. Articles which form a series might be registered jointly and will be evaluated together. All entry articles must complete one registration form.

- ***Judging Panel***

Members for the Judging Panel are selected from the media, the arts and entertainment industries, the NGO sector and academia. Senior and Honorary members of ISWA also take part in the judging process but have no final vote or additional influence over the choice of winners.

The selection will be based on excellence in journalism as defined by:

- Impact
- Originality
- Detail and substance of reporting
- Relevance to waste management

Extra consideration will be given to articles that address issues or initiatives that ISWA can use, duplicate, or implement in the near future.

Each member at the judging Panel will give grades for the submitted articles according to the established criteria. The winning article will be the one with the highest final grade.

The result of the evaluation will be published at the ISWA website until 05 August 2012. Decisions taken by the Judging Panel should be considered final and cannot be appealed.

- ***Award***

The Award will be given to the registered journalist and to the media vehicle where the article has been published. All participants will receive a certificate.

The ISWA Media Award will be delivered at the ISWA World Congress Opening Ceremony and the winner will be invited at no cost to the ISWA Annual Congress, where he/she will receive the Award and have the opportunity to cover the conference discussions. If the host country of the Annual Congress requires a visa, the journalist will be responsible to obtain this authorization by his/her own. If he/she does not get it, his/her participation will be cancelled and shall not entail right to compensation or liability of the Organizers.

- ***Publication Rights***

Any material submitted in the course of entering the award becomes the property of the Organizer and will not be returned.

In order to promote the Award, each registrant authorized ISWA to screen or publish his articles in whole or partially at public or private presentations, wherever and as often as the Organizer think fit. Consequently, each registrant, by submitting the article, agrees to allow the Organizers to print or reprint the article.

Each registrant agrees to hold the Organizers harmless of any be made against them by reason of any such screenings or publishing. Winners have the right to use any award given to them for promotional purpose on condition that this is correctly described.

- ***Miscellaneous***

Each registrant accepts full responsibility for the quality of entries and discharges the Organizers from any responsibility in respect of third parties.

All registrants will strictly observe the Award Rules. Completion and signature/sending of the registration form will imply full acceptance by each registrant of the ISWA Media Awards Rules. Non-compliance with any the Rules will result in automatic disqualification of the registration.

The decision of the Organizers in all matters relating to the ISWA Media Award shall be final and binding.

Force Majeure – ISWA will accept no liability arising out of circumstances around the organization of the Awards beyond its control such as unforeseen cancellation of sponsorships or celebration events cancelled by third parties.