

2024 Corobrik-ILASA Awards of Excellence *35th anniversary
Call for Entries: Open for submissions 8 December 2023
Deadline for submissions 8 March 2024
Judging: Judging takes place 2 – 8 April 2024
Awards Event: 6 June 2024 Stellenbosch

ILASA AWARDS ETHOS

Landscape Architecture, integral to human culture, is celebrated through the ILASA Merit Awards of Excellence. These awards showcase exemplary practices that align with specific contexts, addressing social and ecological challenges in a biodiverse country. Projects must demonstrate added value to the landscape, emphasizing social or ecological well-being, or ideally both.

EXCELLENCE PROMOTED

The Corobrik-ILASA Awards of Excellence recognize and promote outstanding achievements in landscape architecture. Media coverage, web features, and promotional materials showcase the projects, fostering awareness. Award recipients receive certificates and acknowledgment, emphasizing merit over competition. Entries, spanning various project sizes, contribute to the Institute's library for future reference.

1. ELIGIBILITY RULES

- All ILASA members may submit/nominate any work executed by any member of the Institute. Work fully completed and sufficiently established to be assessed may be entered for consideration.
- The entrant or a representative of the entrant is to be present at the Awards of Excellence function.
- Projects up to five (5) years and younger, are eligible for consideration in categories 1, 2A, 2B, 2C and 3.
- Projects older than ten (10) years are eligible for consideration in category 2D.
- Projects that were entered into the ILASA Awards of Excellence in a previous year cannot be entered again, unless the project was entered as a 'project proposal' previously and this time as a 'completed project'. However, projects previously entered for an award may be entered again in category 2D: Fully completed projects – Projects should they 10 years or older.
- Each entrant must submit a motivation for why he/she feels they met the criteria and are worthy of an award. This is to be based on the Evaluation Criteria Calculator that is available with the awards entry form.

2. SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

Awards will be considered for the following submission categories:

CATEGORY 1: RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY AND PUBLICATIONS

- Any article, book, document, magazine, report, technical paper, film or video communicating any form of landscape architecture, environmental planning and management.
- Any works providing evidence of scientific inquiry and arriving at supported and original findings or solutions of generalised or specific value to the profession.
- Computer graphics, web pages, computer renderings etc.
- Guideline documents that inform the shaping of the built or natural environment – for example open-space planning frameworks, environmental planning strategies for regions, urban regeneration policies and plans etc.
- Note that Master's (Mprof) theses will be considered here as a **student** or recent graduate (within 2yrs) entry.

CATEGORY 2: PLANNING AND DESIGN

- **2A: Project proposals:** Projects that are not yet implemented, or developed as a concept for a development even though it stands no chance of being implemented, but that shows an innovative landscape architectural approach, can be entered.
- **2B: Fully completed projects – Project value less than R5 million:** Projects with the following characteristics will be considered:
 - Installed large-scale projects.
 - Installed small-scale projects.
 - Installed detail designs (parts of projects), i.e. lighting, street furniture, planting, etc.
 - Design projects with particular emphasis on environmental consultation regarding specific issues, i.e. energy conservation, recycling, rehabilitation, waste management, water conservation, etc.
 - Urban and landscape design
- **2C: Fully completed projects – Project value greater than R5 million:** Projects with the following characteristics will be considered:
 - Installed large-scale projects.
 - Installed small-scale projects.
 - Installed detail designs (parts of projects), i.e. lighting, street furniture, planting, etc.
 - Design projects with particular emphasis on environmental consultation regarding specific issues, i.e. energy conservation, recycling, rehabilitation, waste management, water conservation, etc.
 - Urban and landscape design
- **2D: Fully completed projects – Projects older than 10 years:** Projects with the following characteristics will be considered:
 - Installed large-scale projects.
 - Installed small-scale projects.
 - Installed detail designs (parts of projects), i.e. lighting, street furniture, planting, etc.
 - Design projects with particular emphasis on environmental consultation regarding specific issues, i.e. energy conservation, recycling, rehabilitation, waste management, water conservation, etc.
 - Urban and landscape design

CATEGORY 3: EXPORT OF SERVICES:

(This category aims to recognise companies and individuals who have carried out a substantial amount of work outside the borders of South Africa). Projects with the following characteristics will be considered:

- Installed large-scale projects.
- Installed small-scale projects.
- Installed detail designs (parts of projects), i.e. lighting, street furniture, planting, etc.
- Design projects with particular emphasis on environmental consultation regarding specific issues, i.e. energy conservation, recycling, rehabilitation, waste management, water conservation, etc.
- Urban and landscape design

3. AWARD CATEGORIES

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

This Award is to be given to projects submitted in any of the above categories. The project must be of a world class standard and portray the value that landscape architects contribute to the built environment.

JUST TREES AWARD

All projects entered in the 'completed projects categories' will be eligible for this award. The only condition is that the trees used in the project must be container grown trees so each project entry must indicate whether this is the case and whether they want to be eligible for this award. The normal adjudication committee will choose one project from each region after the site visits as the nomination for the region for this award. The final winner will then be chosen by the adjudication committee in consultation with a Just Trees representative.

COROBRIK AWARD

All projects entered who have used Corobrik products will be eligible for this award.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

This Award is to be given to the most outstanding and excellent project/s submitted in any of the above categories. It must be a unanimous decision by the adjudicators as being eligible for this award.

LIFETIME AWARD

The nature of this award is to recognise the contribution made by an individual in terms of the promotion/development of the profession of landscape architecture in general. It may include activities such as community involvement, developing of a specific aspect etc. Any person that has done outstanding work in the industry may submit or may be nominated for this specific award.

4. FORMAT & CONTENT OF SUBMISSIONS

CATEGORY 1 AND 2

The following submission requirements are applicable to Categories 1 and 2:

- All information requested should be uploaded via Dropbox separately for each project
- Uploads must be sent via WeTransfer, the link must then be sent to dion@vdw.co.za :
- The information should be uploaded into 5 folders as follows:
 - **Folder 1:** Entry form
 - **Folder 2:** 15 captioned high quality jpeg images of the project (A4 at 300dpi or 3500px x 3500px) – NO cell phone images.
 - **Folder 3:** Captioned plans and other drawings of the project. Please include a context plan and a site plan. For Category 1 entries, include the full publication or research document here in pdf.
 - **Folder 4:** The following 3 documents are to be in MS Word format or similar – **NO PDF'S.**
 - The client's brief or the objective of the design / study /concept.
 - Details of the project: Project name, Issues that were identified that directed the design solution and how they were dealt with in the design, cost of the implementation, Start and finish dates of the study/design and the installation, the role of the LA and when in the project design process, they were appointed
 - A 350-word summary of the attributes that make the project worthy of and award of excellence. Please refer to the award judging criteria when writing this summary. This text should be edited and ready for publication.
 - **Folder 5:** Names and contact details (name of contact person, company, contact number, email) of the:
 - Project team
 - Contractors and sub-contractors
 - Artists / other contributing professionals
 - Major suppliers

CATEGORY 3

The following submission requirements are applicable to Category 3:

- All information requested should be uploaded via Dropbox separately for each project
- Uploads must be sent via WeTransfer, the link must then be sent to dion@vdw.co.za
 - **Folder 1:** Entry form
 - **Folder 2:** 2 captioned high quality jpeg images **per project listed** (A4 at 300dpi or 3500px x 3500px) – NO cell phone images.
 - **Folder 3:** The following document is to be in MS Word format or similar – **NO PDF's.**
 - A comprehensive list of projects carried out outside the borders of South Africa should be submitted. The following information should be submitted for each project in this document:
 - Name of project
 - Location of project (city, country and continent)
 - Value of works
 - Nature of works
 - A short description **of each project:** A 250-word summary of the attributes that make the project worthy of and award of excellence. Please refer to the award judging criteria when writing this summary. This text should be edited and ready for publication.

5. PROJECT EVALUATION

Projects will be evaluated solely on the documentation submitted as detailed in the Section 4 and a site visit where possible. All the entries will be scrutinised, and the entry documentation will be checked to comply with the rules.

In terms of the adjudication panel:

- Each regional committee will nominate persons (4-6 persons: 2-4 registered professional landscape architects (not necessarily members of ILASA), 1-2 architect, urban designer, civil engineer or environmental practitioner).
- Based on the entries received the ILASA National Executive Committee will appoint the adjudication panels. They will consist of three regional convenors and three regional panels (4 members each) comprising a selection of landscape architects as well as evaluators from associated professions.
- All adjudicators will be independent and have no involvement in any of the submissions that have been entered for an Award of Excellence.
- All the projects entered will be grouped into three regions: south (WC, EC & NC) and north (LIM, MPU, GAU, FS & NW) and KZN. International submissions will be subject to a virtual presentation.
- Every adjudicator will receive all the entry material of each project to be adjudicated by the panel of the applicable region. They will go through the material beforehand and then attend a meeting where the panel will adjudicate the projects in all categories except Categories 2B, 2C and 2D. For Category 2B, 2C and 2D, the adjudicators will sift through the projects and draw up a list of projects to be visited in their region. This list will be forwarded to the national coordinator. If a project is too far off to visit, a project to be discarded at this level has to be communicated to the applicable company who submitted it. The company can either decide to finance a site visit to the project or supply the panel with additional photographs of the specific project.
- The national coordinator will arrange the site visit programme and access to the various sites.
- The various sites for the projects in Categories 2B, 2C and 2D will be visited. After the site visits the panels will assess the submissions and discuss the outcome with the other panel members.
- Each adjudication panel will only list projects for awards or no awards. No other recommendations will be made. If the panel for whatever reason cannot adjudicate a project, a negative result is returned and left at that.
- Each regional panel will conclude with a list of projects recommended to receive awards and a proposal for their choice as potential President's Award project/s. There may also be no project that qualifies for the award and that should then also be stated.

- The two convenors will then finalise the recipients of the awards and decide amongst them which of the two or more projects proposed by the regional panels for the President's Award will be recommended to the President who will make the final decision. There may, if deemed necessary, be more than one President's Award in any given year.
- The adjudication outcome at all levels is to remain confidential until the announcement of the award winners at the Awards Function.
- No correspondence or communications with the panel of adjudicators prior, during or after the evaluation may be entered into by any party submitting or nominating a project. The results will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into by or with any party.

All awards will be made on distinction. The Awards for Excellence in Landscape Architecture are not made on a competition basis and no prizes are given.

6. SUBMISSION FEES

- Submissions are to be accompanied by an entry fee of **R1 950.00** for the first project.
- Fees for a second submission by the same party will be **R1 550.00** and **R1 250.00** for each additional submission.
- Student submissions under Category 1: Research will be allowed for recent graduates (up to 2 years from graduation) on Mprof theses, that is accompanied by evidence that a final mark of 70% or higher was awarded for design. Such submission will be at a special student rate of **R 800.00** for each submission.
- Once your submission has been received you will be invoiced accordingly. Your submission will not be considered until full payment is made before the deadline date.

7. TIME FRAMES

- **All entries must be sent via a WeTransfer link to dion@vdw.co.za**
- Entry forms and proof of payment should reach ILASA no later than **8 March 2024**.
- All material for evaluation should be uploaded via WeTransfer by **8 April 2024**.
- Evaluation of projects will commence during April after the submissions have been checked for compliance with the various requirements and have been categorised according to the geographical location of each project.
- No results will be made known before the formal announcement at the Awards of Excellence Function on **6 June 2024 - Stellenbosch**

8. CONDITIONS:

- All the submissions will be showcased at the Awards Function.
- All submitted materials shall remain the property of ILASA and shall be kept in the ILASA archives/library with the understanding that the original source shall be credited if the material is used for promotion of the profession.