



NICOLE Innovation Award

Call for 2019 entries on:

Innovative remediation, monitoring control technologies and management options to deal with challenging contaminants, leading to time- and/or cost-efficient sustainable remediation solutions

For more than 20 years NICOLE has undertaken projects and organised workshops, providing a discussion platform in Europe on a sound technical basis for risk based and sustainable management of contaminated land. This is also reflected in NICOLE's name **Network for Industrially Co-ordinated Sustainable Land Management in Europe**. Our network is today recognized as a leader in the European Union, and reaches everywhere in the world. Recurring themes are site investigation and remediation technologies, sustainability, cost-efficiency, innovation support and communication. One of NICOLE's primary missions is the continuous promotion for development and improvement in these fields.

Given the success of the earlier Technology Awards, NICOLE is again issuing an Innovation Award in 2019.

The call in 2019 is intended to stimulate engineers and scientists to promote technical innovations that can contribute to an improved practice for successful and sustainable remediation especially for difficult and "challenging" contaminants. The topic of the 2019 Innovation Award is:

Innovative remediation, monitoring, control technologies and management options to deal with challenging contaminants leading to time- and/or cost efficient sustainable remediation solutions

The NICOLE Innovation Award 2019 is seeking examples of new innovative remediation, monitoring and control technologies, remediation and land management systems and practices, which can either decrease the lifespan of a remediation project, decrease the overall remediation cost and /or be able to remediate difficult or challenging contaminants (e.g. PFOS). Submissions capturing all kinds of innovation are welcome - not just new technologies or practices but also fresh thinking and behaviours in new business operating models and practices e.g. new ways of financing or financial modelling, different divestiture programmes and/or change of land use.

So, if you have a new innovative technology which can fulfil one or more of these criteria, you are strongly encouraged to enter it into the competition. Overall, there is a wide scope for the Innovation Award, so the chances are that what you have been pursuing can be entered. The only catch is that the entry must be have been proven by a successful field application. Entries which are hypothetical or have not been tested with successful results will not be taken into consideration.

This award is open to individuals or groups of people, irrespective of NICOLE membership. Entries from junior academics in universities or consultancy are especially welcome. Again, entries will be judged on clearness of the submission, freshness of innovation, maturity of innovation, speed of achieving a solution, how relevant to NICOLE and sustainable land management, potential contribution to cost savings, technical applicability and plans for communication and market availability, applicable to contaminated land.

The top 3 entries will be offered the opportunity to present their work in front of their peers during the NICOLE 2019 spring workshop June 13th to 14th 2019 in Lyon, France, where one of those 3 will then proceed to win the Award.

The Innovation Award is facilitated by NICOLE's Working Group Innovation. The jury consists of the members of the Working Group Innovation including representatives of the Steering Group.

For any questions related to the content or topic of the NICOLE Innovation Award 2019, please contact the NICOLE Secretariat nan.su@nicole.org

Time schedule and content of entry:

- Deadline for submission of entries is **April 19, 2019**.
- Entries need to have a summary and a maximum of 6 pages description (11 pt), including figures.
- Entries should focus only on technical and scientific content, and not have a commercial character.
- Logos are only permitted on the first page.
- Entries should be sent to the NICOLE Secretariat (Nan Su) nan.su@nicole.org

Prizes are:

- ♦ **1500 € FOR THE WINNING ENTRY**
- ♦ **750 € FOR THE RUNNER-UP**
- Pre-selected entries (top 3), unless already a member via their organisation, will receive three admission tickets to attend NICOLE workshops (NICOLE organizes 2 workshops a year); in case s/he is already member via an organisation, s/he may 'donate' these tickets to a non-member of their choice to attend the workshop in Lyon.
- Winning authors need to agree to publication of their entry on the NICOLE website and in the NICOLE newsletter, and be prepared to participate in a future technical workshop run by NICOLE.