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MEHL/LESTER HONOR LECTURES AWARD

1.0 Purpose

The Mehl/Lester Honor Lecture is established in memory of the outstanding contributions to ASNT and the nondestructive testing industry by Dr. Robert F. Mehl and Doctor H. H. Lester, pioneers in the field of nondestructive testing. The lectures recognize these outstanding contributors to the field of nondestructive testing by selecting an individual to speak on a subject with direct bearing on the use of nondestructive testing and its application to materials evaluation.

It is presented at the annual meeting of the Society during the ASNT Fall Conference in honor of Dr. Mehl on odd numbered years, and Dr. Lester on even numbered years.

2.0 Selection Subcommittee Membership

The selection subcommittee shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board in accordance with Policy J-5.2.

3.0 Criteria For Selection

Individuals selected to present the Honor Lectures shall have made outstanding contributions to the science of nondestructive testing. Such contributions may be in the area of research, applications technology, management, education, equipment development, or other related areas. The individual must be prominent amongst his/her peers.

4.0 Method of Nomination

An announcement shall appear in the February issue *Materials Evaluation* requesting nominations from the general ASNT membership be submitted to the Subcommittee Chairman by August 1. Also, the Subcommittee Chairman shall solicit the names of nominees from each of the members of the subcommittee no later than August 1. The announcement shall include information regarding the award recipient's expected responsibilities. Also, the appropriate Fall Conference theme shall be included in the announcement indicating the award nominee should be a recognized contributor in this area of NDT.

All nominations shall contain the following information:

- Name of Nominee
- Address of Nominee
- Business Affiliation of Nominee
- Paragraph describing the contribution made by the Nominee and justification for award including how contributions relate to the appropriate conference theme.

Nominators shall be sent a thank you letter upon receipt of the nomination.

The Chairman of the Subcommittee will forward a copy of all nominations received to the Subcommittee members at least thirty (30) days prior to the Fall Conference.

The Subcommittee, by majority vote, shall select a recommended recipient from the nominees and the Subcommittee Chairman shall notify the ASNT Chairman of the Board of its recommendation prior to the Board meeting at the Spring Conference. The Mehl/Lester Honor Lecturer is elected by majority vote of the Board of Directors. Nominees considered by the subcommittee, but not selected, shall be retained and reconsidered for at least two (2) years.

5.0 Presentation

In order to provide the speaker with ample preparation time, the lecture and award presentations are to be given at the second future Fall Conference, i.e. 1993 award is presented in honor of Dr. Mehl and the recipient is selected and notified in the Spring of 1992. The Lecture or Award presentation will be part of the Fall Conference Professional Program either as a Keynote Speaker or Plenary address.

6.0 Lecture Publication

The Award Recipient is expected to provide a written text of the lecture to ASNT for publication in *Materials Evaluation*. The format, style and schedule for the text is to be obtained from ASNT Headquarters. The paper shall be published in the December or January *Materials Evaluation* issue following the Fall Conference and the lecture is expected to provide the manuscript to Headquarters in ample time to meet the publication date. The magazine feature title shall be "Lester (or Mehl) Honor Lecture - 19 ".

7.0 Notification

The recipient shall be notified by the Chairman of the Board following concurrence of the Awards Committee and the Board of Directors at the Spring Conference. Notification shall be prepared by Headquarters and sent by certified mail. An invitation to receive the award at the appropriate Fall Conference banquet shall be extended. Notification shall include the appropriate Fall Conference theme to help provide the Lecturer with guidance when preparing for the presentation.

After the Board has reviewed and approved the awardee, all nominators shall be sent notification of the winner. No discussion should be given as to why the unselected nominees were not chosen.

8.0 Expenses

The recipient of the award shall receive one complimentary registration and two banquet tickets for the conference when the award will be presented.

9.0 Confidentiality

All deliberations of the subcommittee shall be confidential. No discussions regarding the selection process or any aspect of the subcommittees activities shall be divulged.

The results of the subcommittee's activities shall be held confidential by the members of the committee, the Awards Committee, and the Board of Directors until the recipients have been notified. Names of unsuccessful candidates shall be held confidential because of consideration in later years.