

3M BEST PAPER AWARD GUIDELINES

The 3M Best Paper Award is given to the paper judged by the Awards and Sponsorship Committee to be the best occupational hygiene paper submitted for the annual AIOH conference.

CRITERIA

The criteria on which the paper is judged are:

- Current relevance of subject matter;
- Quality of field/research work;
- Quality of reporting;
- Quality of decision making/conclusions;
- Potential influence as an agent of change in the field of occupational health;
- Originality/novelty of the work;
- Benefits that the work will provide to Australian Hygienists.

The paper should demonstrate a practical approach to an occupational hygiene problem using theoretical principles of recognition, correct evaluation, control and assessment of the effectiveness of the control strategies put in place.

The paper could include the following:

- Examination and evaluation (by measurement if necessary) of the workplace environment and environs for one or several hazards that may arise from work operations and processes, materials and equipment used, products, by-products and effluents.
- Interpretation of results of the examination and evaluation of the work environment and environs in terms of the ability to impair health, reduce worker efficiency and cause community nuisance and/or damage, and present specific conclusions.
- Specific decisions as to the need for, or effectiveness of, control measures and where necessary advise as to the procedures which will be suitable and effective for the work environment.
- An evaluation of the effectiveness of the recommended controls, possibly through further monitoring and assessment.

ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible for this award the paper must:
- Be authored by an occupational hygienist or related professional who has spent a reasonable amount of their professional time practicing in Australia; and
- Have at least one author who is a financial member of the AIOH.

Members of the AIOH Awards & Sponsorship Committee and the AIOH Council are not eligible and employees of 3M are also excluded.