**Guidelines on Concrete Day and Awards Functions of ICI – HQ and Centres**

**Context**:

* Should there be uniformity in the celebration of Concrete Day/ Awards?
* Selection of Awardees, Jury committee, etc.
* Projection and Promotion of ICI (& publications) in these iconic events

**Suggestions**:

1. Normally Concrete Day and Awards functions are celebrated together – on the same day. As Concrete Day represents the birth of ICI (7th Sept), it would be desirable to celebrate it in the month of September. However, Awards function can be held as per the convenience of the Centre – in case it is not clubbed with Concrete Day.
2. Concrete Day lectures should be preferably on practical aspects of construction by a technical / domain expert. However, research-led presentations on concrete technology are also welcome, covering the practical applications. If any non-technical, motivational speech is desired, it can be arranged as a secondary presentation, after the primary Technical lecture.
3. We should try to avoid inviting political / religious leaders as Chief Guests for Concrete Day / Awards functions. Technical events are preferably led by Technocrats.
4. Concrete Day functions should be presided over by ICI office-bearers only, in the following order (depending on their presence):

* President – ICI
* Vice President (of that Zone) of ICI
* Secretary General of ICI
* Chairperson of the ICI Centre (in case none of the above are present)

1. If these events are supported financially by sponsors, ICI Centres should ensure proper projection and promotion of ICI also through proper presentations and display.
2. ICI’s publications, student chapter activities, tie ups with National and International professional organisations should be highlighted.
3. Jury for Awards should consist of respectable technocrats representing all segments viz., engineers / constructors / designers / Academia along with respective ICI Centre Chairperson and a representative from sponsors. The respective Vice Presidents also to be invited to be in the Jury.

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1. There should be no conflict of interest in deciding awards:

* Nominations from Jury members should not be considered.
* Nominations involving office-bearers of ICI centres (including ex-officio members – like immediate past Chairperson/Secretary) during their terms.
* This clause of conflict of interest applies to the representative of the Sponsors also

1. Jury (or its sub-committee) should preferably visit the structure before making the final announcement. This is to ensure alignment between what is constructed & details submitted.
2. Centres and HQ should ensure that there is no duplication of awards. Same persons / structures should not get awards from both HQ and centres in the same year.
3. In case of Outstanding Engineer Awards, centres should avoid selecting a person after he has got an award by ICI HQ. Converse may be permitted (but not in the same year). Same rule shall apply to Outstanding Structure awards also. ICI HQ has published the list of Awarded persons / structures in the last 5 years in its website.
4. In case of big projects, if one completed unit is considered for award on merit basis, similar / identical unit(s) of the same project cannot be considered in future. Awards are given for a structure and not necessarily for the whole project.
5. During the pandemic year, if the Awards are presented digitally, a team of ICI should visit the Awardee personally to present it in their house/office. Preferably, we should recognise this Awardee by inviting him/her for the next year’s physical event.