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IAA Best Papers Award in Mission Idea Contest for Micro/nano Satellite Utilization

Terms of Reference

1. Overview:

On the occasion of the 2nd Mission Idea Contest (MIC) for Micro/nano satellite utilization, the International Academy of Astronautics, having members in 84 countries, will give a new IAA Award to recognize “the imaginative application of micro/nano satellite technologies to environmental issues for the benefit of humankind.”

2. Eligibility for Nominations/ Applications:

Among finalists selected by MIC review team, those who submitted full paper related to environmental issues will be nominated. Hence, no specific nominations/applications for the IAA award are needed.

3. Purpose:

To recognize outstanding paper of micro/nano satellite application in the area of environmental issues for human benefit.

4. Criteria for Selection:

The award will be given the best paper dedicating to environmental issues among selected paper as finalist in the 1st stage. Projects with an international emphasis will be given preference if such projects also fulfill the criterion of having achieved significant human benefit.

5. Selection Procedure

The IAA evaluation committee for MIC will choose the recipient(s) of the Award by full paper and oral presentation held on Oct.10, 2012.

6. Type of Award:

The award consists of a certificate and a letter to authenticate the achievement. The recipient's names and paper titles will be posted on the IAA official website, listed in international reports, and communicated to the media. The paper presentations will also be available in video on the IAA website.

7. Award Presentation:

The Award will be announced in advance in media and presented at the 4th Nano-satellite symposium in Nagoya, Japan. On this occasion a press release will be issued.