Editorial

Best *Geosynthetics International* Papers for 2008 and 2009

Geosynthetics International is an official journal of the International Geosynthetics Society and serves the mandate of the society to disseminate important technical developments to its members.

We are delighted to announce the best papers in Volume 15 (2008) and Volume 16 (2009) based on votes cast by the Editorial Board Members. In this competition the Editor and Editorial Board Chairman did not vote. Technical Notes and papers co-authored by the Editor were not eligible.

The 'Best *Geosynthetics International* Paper for 2008' award goes to:

Lawson, C. R. (2008). Geotextile containment for hydraulic and environmental engineering. *Geosynthetics International*, **15**, No. 6, 384–427.

The following paper was voted runner-up and thus receives honourable mention as 'one of the best papers published in *Geosynthetics International* in 2008':

Rowe, R. K., Islam, M. Z. & Hsuan, Y. G. (2008). Leachate chemical composition effects on OIT depletion in an HDPE geomembrane. *Geosynthetics International*, **15**, No. 2, 136–151.

The 'Best *Geosynthetics International* Paper for 2009' award goes to:

Mohri, Y., Matsushima, K., Yamazaki, S., Lohani, T. N., Tatsuoka, F. & Tanaka, T. (2009). New direction for earth reinforcement: disaster prevention for earthfill dams. *Geosynthetics International*, **16**, No. 4, 246–273.

The following paper was voted runner-up and thus receives honourable mention as 'one of the best papers published in *Geosynthetics International* in 2009':

Tatsuoka, F., Hirakawa, D., Nojiri, M., Aizawa, H., Nishikiori, H., Soma, R., Tateyama, M. & Watanabe, K. (2009). A new type of integral bridge comprising geosynthetic-reinforced soil walls. *Geosynthetics International*, **16**, No. 4, 301–326.

We thank the members of the Editorial Board for participating in the best paper selection process, and congratulate the authors of these excellent papers. Each paper reflects the high standards of the journal, and is an important contribution to our geosynthetics discipline.

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