

THE VETIVER NETWORK INTERNATIONAL AWARDS (ICV6: DANANG VIETNAM)

The Vetiver Network International is pleased to announce the sixth series of **Vetiver Awards** in anticipation of the Sixth International Conference on Vetiver (ICV-6), to be held in Danang, Viet Nam, 6-8 May, 2015 and whose theme is “ **Vetiver System: Empowering Sustainable Development**”. Past competition for the Vetiver Awards has resulted in information that significantly increased our knowledge of the uses of Vetiver Grass, its applications and benefits. TVNI invites nominations for the awards listed below. The deadline for nominations will be 31 January, 2015. Award winners will be announced on 1 April, 2015. Certificates honoring the award recipients will be presented at ICV-6.

NOTE: The same nomination can be used for both the King of Thailand and TVNI awards but each have to be submitted separately and the max file size limitation requirements may be different)

Eligibility

Individuals or groups, who have shown initiative in research, utilization or promotion of the **Vetiver System** are eligible. These may include farmers, technicians, NGOs, students, scientists, researchers, private companies, innovators, etc., who have produced and documented concrete, repeatable results. Members of the TVNI Board of Directors are not eligible for awards.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Awards will be given in following categories and sub-categories:

1. **Basic vetiver plant research**
2. **Bioengineering** (a) research (b) application
3. **Agriculture - Soil and Water Conservation** (a) research (b) application
4. **Mitigation of contaminated land and water** (a) research (b) application
5. **Advancing vetiver in community development**
6. **Innovation** - anything new, tested, but not yet adopted widely
7. **Vetiver Champion** - This is open to nomination for individuals who have been instrumental, either in their country or region or technical area in effective and dedicated promotion, investigation, improvement, etc., of the use of the Vetiver System over the last 4-5 years. (Please note that individuals may not nominate themselves.)
8. **Global Vetiver Champion** - This is for recognition of individuals who have made exceptional contributions over the long term for the advancement of Vetiver and have achieved global impacts. This award is dedicated to exceptional contributors and may not be given out at every ICV. (Please note that individuals may not nominate themselves.)

In addition, the following **Vetiver System** related monetary awards will be made by the Committee based on selections from the submissions for all the above Categories:

Monty Yudelman Award (\$2,500): For exceptional contributions in “sustainable agriculture” and food security.

Mark Dafforn Award (\$1,500): For exceptional contributions in science and research

Nick Dolphin Award (\$750): For exceptional contributions and success in community engagement and effective participation

Documentation

Nominations may either be from individuals or groups regarding their own work or be made by another person. Documentation can consist of many types of information (personal accounts, reports, articles, photographs, scientific papers, testimonials, etc.) is required. We need the inclusion of relevant photographs especially showing before and after vetiver installation. Please be as brief and clear as possible, however a simple summary is not sufficient. To allow full participation of TVNI Board members in the review of applications, all submissions must be in English.

Information Required

1. Name and address of the nominee, postal address, email and telephone number if possible
2. Name and address of the nominator, postal address, email and telephone if possible
3. Project (in its widest sense) information:
 - a. Location of the project;
 - b. Description of the project;
 - c. Accomplishments of the project;
 - d. Importance of the project;
 - e. Supporting documentation is required for determining awards and
 - f. Name and address of a reference that is familiar with the project.

Electronic submission via email with attachments is required, and should be sent to the following e-mail addresses:

1-Jim Smyle <jsmyle@earthlink.net>

2-Paul Truong <p.truong@veticon.com.au>

3-Dick Grimshaw <r.grimshaw@comcast.net>

Emailed documents should be either in .doc, docx or .pdf format. If pictures are sent which are not embedded in the document, they should be in .jpg format. The maximum size of the document cannot exceed 8MB including embedded photos, charts, graphics, and appendices. If more than 8MB, you should submit via [DropBox](#) and share the file with jsmyle@earthlink.net, p.truong@veticon.com.au, and r.grimshaw@comcast.net

TVNI will email the applicant to confirm receipt of the award nomination by TVNI.

Award Selection

Projects will be judged using the following criteria.

Merit: quality of thought and methods used to accomplish the project's goals

Relevance: project's potential to protect/improve the environment or lower costs or improve the quality of life or other noteworthy impacts

Originality: including using old ideas in new ways

Applicability: Demonstrated usefulness of the results, potential replicability and upscaling

Extra credit will be given (where relevant) to those who include practical details of benefits and costs or a cost/benefit analysis or efficiency analysis (i.e. cost/benefits of the Vetiver System compared to traditional or other systems).

The Selection Committee

The Selection Committee comprises the following members.

TVNI

- **Mr. Richard Grimshaw**, TVNI Founder and Board Member
- **Mr. Jim Smyle**, TVNI President, Board Chairman and Director for the Americas
- **Dr. Paul Truong**, TVNI Board Member, Technical Director and Director for Asia and Oceania
- **Dr. Dale Rachmeler**, TVNI Board Member and Director for Sub-Saharan Africa
- **Ms. Elise Pinnars**, TVNI Board Member and Director Platform for Land Use Sustainability (PLUS-Kenya)
- **Mr. Roley Noffke**, TVNI Board Member and Director for South Africa; President, International Erosion Control Association, Region 2

CHAIPATTANA FOUNDATION

- **Ms Suwanna Parisi**, Deputy Secretary-General
Office of the Royal Development Projects Board, Thailand
- **Dr. Narong Chomchalow**, **2011 Global Vetiver Champion**, Coordinator Pacific Rim Vetiver Network, Thailand

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