

Pondy Award



International competition for natural bathing waters

The Pondy Award has been presented 2015 at the International Swimming Pond Congress and is awarded every 2 years. One winner from each of the following categories will be chosen:

A	Private swimming pools
B	Private natural ponds
C	Touristic swimming ponds
D	Public (municipal) pools with biological water treatment

Awarded are the designers of a project, being the person (s) or the team who have created the design and water purification of the project, regardless of whether they also built the facility.

Therefore the award is a design award. Awards are handed over.

Terms and Conditions

All members of the associations affiliated to the IOB are eligible to participate. It does not matter where the project is located in the world. It does not have to be in the country from which the candidate comes from. Each project may only participate once. The quality of the facilities should be evaluated independently of the “photographic staging”. But you must show all the essential elements in sufficiently high resolution, as they are the basis for the evaluation.

Application documents

The project description has to be submitted as PDF in A3 format with a maximum of 6 pages.

The material for the assessment of the projects should contain:

- Photos (taken from positions that can be comprehensible by the jury)
- Site plan with description of the water treatment

- Analysis of the filling water
- Analysis of the pond water (maximum one year old)
- Justification of the category (see above)

Each participant should explain in the participation documents why his project belongs to the category of his choice. This reasoning will be judged by the jury in the sense whether it shares this assignment or not.

Participation documents must be sent by e-mail to the jury chairman Friedemann Hennings, friedemann.hennings@erling-verlag.com.

The submission deadline was extended until 30.6.2019.

The following applies: In the text of the e-mails the name and full contact details of the candidate need to be mentioned as well as a **six-digit code name consisting of three letters and three numbers each**.

Attached to the e-mail should be only the PDF with the project description. This must contain nothing but the six-digit code name to identify the project. Neither the name of the candidate nor the location of the project must be identifiable with the material.

Nomination

The maximum number of candidates to be selected per member association shall be as follows:

If more than 5 projects per category are submitted from one country, the jury will make a preselection and selects the 5 best from up to 9 participants, the 6 best from 10-14 participants, from 15 submissions the best 7.

Extraordinary members are eligible. You can register with the IOB with a maximum of one project, specifying the category.

If the jury determines that less than 3 participants have registered in a certain category, no nomination will be made in the category and no winner will be determined.

Determination of the winners

After preselection by the member associations and submission of candidatures by the extraordinary members, a jury will determine three nominees per category.

For this, all project documents (PDF) sorted by category will be posted to a drop box, that will be accessible only to the jury members.

If the jury determines that less than 3 participants have registered in a certain category, no nomination will be made in the category and no winner will be determined.

If possible, the jury will be composed of representatives of the media accompanying the industry (editorial staff, publishing house members). Every award will have a separate jury. Jury members will receive free tickets to the International Swimming Pond Congress.

IOB board member Dirk Esser from France will be a member of the jury as a expert in swimming pools.

No later than one month before the congress, the jury will nominate three nominees per category. These will be published by the IOB. The participating media (jury members) will get the first publication right to introduce the nominees in their media. Therefore photo files of the nominated projects (in full size) are required for publication.

The election of the winners, one per category, will be made by ballot in a secret ballot by the congress participants.

Each congress participant will receive a ballot paper upon arrival at the congress venue. Each participant has four votes, one per category. The ballot contains 12 boxes marked with A1, A2, A3, A4, B1 through B4, C1 through C4 and D1 through D4.

The posters exhibited at the congress venue are arranged according to categories and receive the identification A1, A2, A3, A4, B1 to B4, C1 to C4 and D1 to D4.

The voter gives his vote until 12 o'clock of the second day of the congress and places his ballot in the urn. The jury members count out the votes and determine the four winners per category. The speaker of the jury announces the winners as part of the congress event.