



Award Regulations for the Innovations Contest at the KWF-Meeting 2008

- 1. Aims and responsibilities**

INTERFORST and KWF-Meetings are at the vanguard of innovations and trends in Europe. The innovation award aims to showcase and publicize groundbreaking innovations in forestry.

The innovation contest during the KWF-Meeting 2008 is sponsored by the Kuratorium für Waldarbeit und Forsttechnik e.V. (KWF). An independent international panel of recognized experts, appointed by the KWF is responsible for the professional organisation.

- 2. Eligibility**

Any company registered as an exhibitor at the KWF-Meeting, is eligible to participate in the contest, providing the innovation falls into one of the categories listed below.

Participation is entirely voluntary and free of charge.

The participant or the legal successor is responsible for complying with all pertinent legal requirements and these award regulations.

- 3. Admission of products**

Only products from the following categories may be admitted:

Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reforestation and forest care- Forest protection- Cropping and harvesting- Round timber storage- Forest road construction and maintenance- Transport technology- Timber preparation in the yard- Timber processing and firewood technology- Tree care and landscape management- Cultivation and municipal technology- Computer, surveying, information management and telecommunication in the forest- Safety and health at work
Assessment guidelines for awarding Innovation Medals	<p>The KWF Innovation Medal is awarded to new products with improved functions that introduce new work procedures or significantly alter and improve existing procedures.</p> <p>The deciding factor for awarding the medal is the expected effect on the utility value, business administration, work safety, the envi-</p>



ronment and energy use.

Exclusion

Innovations that have been previously presented in a KWF-Meeting or INTERFORST fair will be excluded from the contest.

4. Application procedure

All participants must complete the application form enclosed with these regulations. Each entry requires a separate application form.

Duplicate application

Applications must be made in duplicate for members of the committee to review. This includes the application form and all pictures, sketches and pamphlets.

Clear definition of innovation and advantages

Each application must be accompanied by a justification (e.g. improved work conditions, better performance, improved safety). The application documentation must clearly explain the innate innovation and advantages of the submitted product. The new product properties must be described and, if possible, verified by independent test results.

Pictures

Pictures of the submitted product will be published in the media. For this purpose an image of the product must be included with each application. The following types are accepted: photographs, slides or digital photos on CD-ROM (best resolution). All publishing and reproduction rights are transferred to the KWF.

Application postmark deadline

All required documents must be submitted to the **Kuratorium für Waldarbeit und Forsttechnik e.V., Frau Poguntke, 64820 Groß-Umstadt, Postfach 1338**, by the application deadline. The date of the postmark is decisive. Applications received after the application deadline, insufficiently described products or incomplete application forms will not be assessed.

The exhibitors are responsible for ensuring that intellectual property rights are duly protected and relevant patents have been registered for each submitted application.

The KWF assures that all submitted documents will be treated as strictly confidential.

The committee decisions and justifications will be publicly announced on June 5th, 2008 at the KWF-Meeting.

5. Principles of assessment

The KWF has appointed a committee of recognized experts for



each of the categories named under item 3 to assess the submitted innovations. The committee members strictly fulfil the following criteria:

- independence and neutrality
- proficiency in assessing the relevant innovations
- competency in assessing the practical use

The committee evaluates the submitted documents in accordance to the regulations specified under item 3.

6. Awarding medals

The nomination is made in accordance with the regulations governing the awarding of KWF Innovation Medals.

The decision of the committee is final.

The committee reserves the right to reject a product without justifying the decision. All details are strictly confidential. The award winners will be presented with a certificate and a medal for each awarded product.

There is no legal recourse.

Presentation

The innovation medals and certificates will be presented at a public ceremony on June 5th, 2006 in the KWF-Congress tent. The ceremony will be covered by the media.

Publication

The name of each award-winning company and of the relevant product will be published by the KWF in the professional press and internet after the presentation. There is no obligation on behalf of the sponsors to publish.

All products submitted to the competition will be published in a list of innovations. The commission has the right to exclude submitted products from the list, if the degree of innovation is deemed insufficient.

This list of innovations will be made available to the professional press and published on the KWF homepage 4 weeks prior to the trade fair.

A free list of innovations will be available to all interested professional visitors of the DemoFair at the entrance and info booths.

7. Advertising with the medals

Advertising award winning products:

Advertising is entirely voluntary. The following may be used for promotional purposes

- certificate (in addition to the original certificate, each award winner will receive a A2 copy for display next to the exhibit)



- the medal
- written reference to the award (e.g. in publications or advertisements)

Advertising conditions
unambiguity

Advertising with the award emblem and text references to the KWF award are only permitted when closely linked to the award winning product
There must be a clear reference to the trade fair and the innovative features which led to nomination.
Advertisements must include the year of the presentation.

Exclusivity

Participants are permitted to advertise only the award winning product and the innovations submitted for evaluation

Addressee
Duration of advertising
campaign

The name of the award-winning company must be clearly visible
There is no restriction to the duration of the advertising campaign.
The date of the award presentation must be visible.

Ban on deception

Advertisements must avoid all possibilities of misconception. All information is subject to the competition protection act. Participants or their legal successor are held responsible for abiding by the clauses of this law.

8. Disqualification

The KWF reserves the right to disqualify a winning product if the claims made about the decisive innovations prove to be inaccurate.

Any violation of the advertising rules (see item 7) may also lead to disqualification.

9. Lawful damages

The sponsor cannot be held liable for lawful damages except in the case of wilful act or gross negligence.

10. Jurisdiction

All disputes arising from the contest regulations will be resolved at the court of jurisdiction in Dieburg.

11. Final provisions

Signature of the application form constitutes the entrant's full and unconditional agreement to and acceptance of these official rules