



DNFI Innovation in Natural Fibres Award 2017 Overview

The deadline for award submissions is
28 July 2017

The purposes of the DNFI Annual Innovation in Natural Fibres award are to recognize innovation in the development of products and processes using natural fibres and research involving natural fibres. Candidates for a DNFI Innovation Award are requested to send the appropriate submission form to DNFI, e-mail: Secretariat@DNFI.org

Awards will be judged in three categories:

- Innovative products/components or applications
- Innovative processes/procedures
- Research and science

Evaluation criteria are:

- Outstanding scientific work and technical feasibility
- Level of improvement or effectiveness of the innovation over existing products or processes
- Degree to which the innovative product or process has been implemented
- Potential for opening new outlets, markets or sectors for products made of natural fibres

Deadlines:

- Closing date for applications: 28 July 2017
- Short-listed competitors notified; 1 September 2017
- Worldwide voting conducted during September 2017
- Winners announced 6 October 2017
- Winners recognized by press release and announcement at the Plenary Meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee, the 2018 IWTO Congress, and

Judging Procedures:

There will be a two-step selection process:

In a First Round during August 2017, a sub-committee of DNFI members will winnow the applications to approximately 2 finalists in each judging category, or 6 finalists total across the three categories.

In a Second Round, all members of DNFI, and anyone, anywhere in the world, including persons who are not members of DNFI, may create a voter ID on the DNFI web site and vote for the best among the finalists. A single award winner will be chosen by majority vote. The results of the First and Second Rounds shall be final. There will be no right of appeal.