



NICOLE

Network for Industrially Contaminated Land in Europe



NICOLE
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award
2012

**Deadline extended
to 1st May 2012**

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NICOLE is a network for the stimulation, dissemination and exchange of knowledge about all aspects of industrially contaminated land. Its 100 members of 15 European countries come from industrial companies and trade organisations (problem holders), service providers/technology developers, universities and independent research organisations (problem solvers) and governmental organisations (policy makers). The network started in February 1996 as a concerted action under the 4th Framework Programme of the European Community. Since February 1999, NICOLE has been self supporting and is financed by the fees of its members.

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**Call for year 2012 entries on
„Innovative solutions for soil monitoring”**



„Innovative solutions for soil monitoring in contaminated land”

For more than 10 years NICOLE has carried out multiple projects and organised a series of workshops, providing a discussion platform for a sound technical basis for risk based management of contaminated land. Our network is today recognized as a leader in the European Union, and reaches everywhere in the world. Reoccurring themes in the discussions on risk-based land management, site investigation and remediation are sustainability and cost-efficiency and one of NICOLE's primary missions is the continuous promotion for development and improvement in these fields.

Given the success of the 2010 Technology Award on “Innovative site characterization tools” which was presented to a wide audience during the May 2011 Copenhagen workshop, the NICOLE Steering Group decided to launch another award for 2012 with the intent to stimulate engineers and scientists to bring forward technical innovations that can contribute to an improved practice for contaminated land management in line with the NICOLE ambition. And given the current focus in Europe on the Soil Framework Directive, the Industry Emissions Directive, and overall sustainability concepts, the consensus for the 2012 technical topic is on:

„Innovative solutions for soil monitoring in contaminated land”

This award is open to individuals or groups of people. Entries from junior academics in universities or consultancy are especially welcome. Again, entries will be judged on innovation, potential contribution to cost savings, technical applicability and plans for communication and market availability, applicable to contaminated land.

The top 3 winners will have the chance to present in front of their peers the result of their work during NICOLE's 2012 spring workshop (details about the workshop to be announced on www.nicole.org) and the winning entries will be posted on NICOLE's website.

The jury consists of representatives from academics (Dr. Hans-Peter Koschitzky), Industry (ISG chair, Paul van Riet) and Service Providers (SPG chair, Dr. Olivier Maurer).

Time schedule, content of entries, further procedure:

- **Deadline for submission of entries extended to 1st May 2012.**
- Entries need to have a summary and maximum 6-10 pages description (11 pt), including figures.
- Entries should focus only on technical and scientific content, and not have a commercial character.
- Logos are only permitted on the first page.
- Entries can be sent to the NICOLE Secretariat, Marjan Euser (marjan.euser@deltares.nl)
- Prizes are:
 - 1500 € FOR THE WINNING ENTRY
 - 750 € FOR 2ND BEST
- Pre-selected entries (top 5), unless already a member via their organisation, will receive three tickets to attend NICOLE workshops (NICOLE organizes 2 workshops a year); in case s/he is already member via an organisation, s/he may ‘donate’ these tickets to a non-member of their choice.
- Winning authors need to agree to publication of their entry at the NICOLE website and in the NICOLE newsletter, and be prepared to participate at a technical workshop of NICOLE.

