

Call for nominations
Best Paper in Pedometrics 2015

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Dear fellow Pedometricians,

Following the successful process for Best Paper in Pedometrics 2014, won by Nathan Odgers and colleagues¹, we are now ready to repeat the process for papers published in 2015. Nominations are now open for the "Best Paper in Pedometrics 2015" award, to be presented at Pedometrics 2017 "Celebrating 25 years: 26th June - 2nd July 2017" (Wageningen NL)². Early next year (2017) we will repeat the exercise for the best paper of 2016, but we want to spread the work out and also have papers nominated while they are still fresh in your minds. This is a prestigious award, which recognizes work that is judged to be of importance and of excellent quality by your peers. It stimulates us all to do top-quality, influential and innovative work.

The procedure is as follows:

1. You are all invited to nominate one or more papers. They must be relevant to pedometrics³ and have been published in recognized journals with a final publication date in calendar year 2015 CE. These can be from "usual" journals for pedometricians, such as *Geoderma* and *European Journal of Soil Science*, but can also be from journals where we do not publish so much -- this would encourage us all to scan these journals. You may nominate a paper on which you are (co)-author..
2. The nominations will be assembled by me, and sent for review to the committee:

David G. Rossiter (Cornell University, USA; ISRIC-World Soil Information, NL)

Sabine Grunwald (University of Florida, USA)

Alex McBratney (University of Sydney, Australia)

Margaret Oliver (University of Reading, UK)

Lin Yang (Chinese Academy of Sciences, State Key Laboratory of Resources and Environmental Information Systems, PRC)

We will independently grade the papers (0 to 10) on the basis of relevance, quality, and degree of innovation. I will average the scores; the five with the highest average

¹ Odgers, N. P., Sun, W., McBratney, A. B., Minasny, B., & Clifford, D. (2014). Disaggregating and harmonising soil map units through resampled classification trees. *Geoderma*, 214–215, 91–100.

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² <http://www.pedometrics2017.org>

³ If you are confused about what exactly is "pedometrics" for the purposes of this award, please see the definition as approved by the IUSS, see <http://pedometrics.org/> "What is Pedometrics?"

will be then definitively nominated. In the case that a committee member is the (co)-author of a nominated paper, s/he can not grade her/his own paper, so the average is from the remaining members.

3. The nominated papers will be placed on the pedometrics website, announced in the pedometrics mailing list, in the IUSS LinkedIn group, and in Pedometron. All self-declared pedometricians are encouraged to read the nominated papers and rank them in the single transferable vote (Hare) system (first choice, second choice... up till the last paper the voter is willing to vote for). Votes should then be sent to me from a traceable e-mail address (to prevent over-voting). Pedometricians can **not** vote for a paper on which they are co-author.

4. I will tally the votes according to the Hare system and determine the winner. Votes will be kept secret and you will just have to trust me to tally them honestly.

DEADLINE: for nominations is 01-August-2016; selection by the committee by 01-September, voting will be from September to mid-October.