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Young International Freight Forwarder of the Year Award 2021



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Information for FIATA Association Members

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1. Background

1.1 During the FIATA World Congress (FWC) in Caracas in October 1996, David Martin-Clark (TT Club) discussed, informally, with Brian Kelleher (FIATA) the possibility that the TT Club might like to sponsor a “TT Club/FIATA Young Freight Forwarder of the Year Award”. In 1997, the TT Club and FIATA started working on the award and launched it in 1999.

1.2 The aim of the award is to encourage training in the freight forwarding industry and to further develop the professionalism of young people in the industry. The award gives the TT Club and FIATA an opportunity to enhance the international freight forwarding industry, by investing in the young rising stars of tomorrow.

2. The Award

2.1 The award is open to any young freight forwarder, provided that their company is a member of their FIATA Association Member. Each FIATA Association Member is entitled to select one candidate who will be no more than 32 years old in the year that the Dissertation is to be written and 2 years of full-time work experience in supply chain logistics (preferable, but not mandatory).

2.2 Each FIATA Association Member may select their candidate in any way they consider to be appropriate; the following are some **suggested** ways of selecting a candidate:

- 2.2.1 A student having recently qualified for the FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding (if applicable to that Association); or
- 2.2.2 A student from that year's national forwarders professional exams (if applicable); or
- 2.2.3 A student having completed training nominated by that particular FIATA Association Member; or
- 2.2.4 A student from continuous assessment for that FIATA Association Member (if held).

2.3 The FIATA Association Member shall comment on why they have selected this young international freight forwarder to participate in this competition. They shall also provide details of their candidate's achievements (academic and professional) which may be used by the judges. These details shall be shown on the completed FIATA Association Member Advice of Candidate Form (see separate Word document).

2.4 Each candidate should only be nominated for the Award once as nomination of the same candidate in successive years does not give others the opportunity to compete for this Award.



2.5 Upon selection by the FIATA Association Member and advice to the Award Administrator, the candidate will be given 3 months to write a Dissertation on the topic advised. Full details of the topic will be communicated directly to the candidate by the Award Administrator and will be accompanied by other information to enable the candidate to compose the Dissertation.

2.6 The Dissertation and conclusion shall be between **4,000 and 6,000 words (maximum 6,000 words)** in length and, the entire Dissertation shall be written in English. **Attachments must not exceed 15 pages.**

2.7 When submitting the Dissertation, candidates will be asked to provide the **entire** document as an **unlocked** single Word Document file. This shall be sent by e-mail direct to the Award Administrator by 30 April each year. If the final size of the Dissertation is greater than 10 megabytes, then it should be sent as a CD-ROM, or on a flash drive to the administration address shown in this document. Dissertations in paper/printed format are not easy for the judges and the Steering Group to handle and are, therefore, discouraged.

2.8 Any submissions which exceed the 6,000 words count will be marked down. Any submissions not in an unlocked Word format may be disqualified.

2.9 The TT Club and FIATA will publish the winning Dissertation on their website: www.ttclub.com / www.fiata.com .

3. Judging

3.1 The Steering Group will appoint the Judging Panel (Panel). The Award may not be awarded solely on the basis of the Dissertation with consideration of the candidate's personal achievements, e.g. examination results, outstanding performance or innovation, as provided in the statement from the FIATA Association Member.

3.2 The Panel will select a winner from each of the four FIATA Regions:

- Americas;
- Europe;
- Africa and Middle East;
- Asia Pacific



assuming that there are sufficient candidates (4 is the minimum number required) from each Region from which to select a winner. If a Region has insufficient candidates, then those candidates will be aggregated with candidates from another Region that may also have a small number of candidates.

3.3 Each Regional winner will be invited to attend the FIATA World Congress (FWC). Each will be required to provide a concise presentation of their Dissertation to the Steering Committee for final assessment to determine the Young International Freight Forwarder of the Year.

3.4 In the event that a Regional winner is not able to attend the FWC, every effort will be made to ensure that participation can be made via video link or similar, noting that this may not always be possible. If participation is not possible, then the Regional winner will forfeit their place in the competition.

3.5 Each Dissertation shall be assessed and marked by a minimum of two judges. The Judging Panel's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

4. The Award

4.1 Each Regional Winner will receive a prize consisting of:

- 4.1.1 Attendance at FWC to be presented with a Regional Winner's Certificate and a personal trophy.
- 4.1.2 FIATA will arrange for each of the Regional winners to participate in the FWC free of any registration fees and accommodation costs. TT Club will provide the hotel accommodation and FIATA will contribute US\$ 1,000 towards the return air ticket to the FWC.
- 4.1.3 One year's free subscription to International Transport Journal in English, French or German.
- 4.1.4 In the event that a Regional winner is not able to attend the FWC, their certificate and trophy will be either presented to a nominated representative during the FWC where possible, to the candidate at a convenient time and date thereafter.

4.2 **The Young International Freight Forwarder of the Year** will also receive the following:

- 4.2.1 An International Winners Certificate and an additional personal trophy. (The Young International Freight Forwarder of the Year trophy will be engraved with the name of each year's international winner and held in the TT Club office in London.)



4.2.2 A week practical experience of transport infrastructure (multimodal) which is likely to include visits to container terminals, airfreight terminals, ports, surveyors' offices, etc. based in a country away from the winner's own country wherever this can be properly structured and led. The steering group will decide which country will provide the most benefit to the winner.

4.2.3 A week of academic training in the TT Club's Head Office in London.

4.3 The cost of economy class travel, accommodation (with breakfast), and an amount for personal expenditure recoverable as expenses retrospectively, will be included in the Award. It should be noted that these are business related activities for winner only – it is not expected that family members or other interested parties accompany the winner. The international winner's FIATA Association Member should also attempt to add contribution to the Award fund, by contacting the appropriate national airline in order to obtain airfare sponsorship from them in exchange for applicable advertising opportunities.

5. Steering Group

5.1 The TT Club will lead this project through a Steering Group, which will consist of the following people:

5.1.1 Award Administrator appointed by the TT Club

5.1.2 FIATA Presidency member being the rapporteur to the FIATA Logistics Institute

5.1.3 Chair of FIATA Logistics Institute

5.1.4 FIATA Secretariat support to the FIATA Logistics Institute

5.1.5 A nominee from an agreed recognised learning establishment linked to supply chain logistics

5.1.6 Nominees from an agreed active international freight forwarder with an interest in professional development and training.

6. The Dissertation

6.1 Topic

The topic for the 2021 award is transmitted with this document as a separate Word document and is provided in the English language only.



6.2 Length and presentation

The Dissertation shall be:

- 6.2.1 Between 4,000 and 6,000 words (maximum 6,000 words!)
- 6.2.2 Typed, double spaced.
- 6.2.3 Submitted as a single **unlocked** Word document file – ensuring that any attachments are part of this single Word document file. This will be used for distribution of the paper to the judges and publication of the winning Dissertation.
- 6.2.4 Attachments must not exceed 15 pages.

6.3 Format

The Award Administrator will send the format requirements to the candidate along with advice of the topic.

6.4 What should be demonstrated

The Dissertation is an opportunity for the candidate to demonstrate a range of skills and qualities that are needed to pursue a successful career in international forwarding and supply chain logistics. It is suggested that the Dissertation may be constructed as:

- 6.4.1 Identifying a problem or business opportunity.
- 6.4.2 Gathering relevant information on a specific situation.
- 6.4.3 Identifying possible changes or enhancements for the benefit of the forwarder or the client.
- 6.4.4 Evaluating the information and drawing one's own conclusions.
- 6.4.5 Deciding what action should be taken.
- 6.4.6 Making reasoned and costed recommendations.

6.5 Important abilities and qualities to be demonstrated should include **innovation and initiative**.

- 6.6 Examples of previous winning Dissertations are available: <http://fiata.com/learning/yiffy-award/dissertations.html>



7. Competition Timing

7.1 The following dates shall apply as to the Award

- 7.1.1 The Award Administrator will distribute full information to all FIATA Association Members no later than end of September each year.
- 7.1.2 FIATA Association Member selects the candidate and sends the “Advice of Candidate” Form to the Award Administrator to arrive no later than 31 January each year.
- 7.1.3 Award Administrator sends Dissertation topic and other information about the format of the paper to the candidate no later than 15 February each year.
- 7.1.4 Award Administrator to receive completed Dissertation no later than 30 April each year (note: Dissertations received after this date will not be considered).
- 7.1.5 Marking to be completed and Regional Winner selected by 30 June each year.
- 7.1.6 Regional winners to be notified in the first week of July each year.
- 7.1.7 Regional winners to be invited to attend FWC for presentations of Certificate/Trophy in September/October each year.
- 7.1.8 The main element of the overall winner’s prize – the training period – shall be taken by the International winner after the FWC at a time convenient in the full year period after presentation of the Award.
- 7.1.9 The above dates will be strictly maintained. No extension of time will be granted.

8. Special note about the candidate’s age

- 8.1 It is intended that the candidate shall be between 18 and 32 years of age. Therefore, if the candidate is about to reach their 33rd birthday, this must be in the year of the competition i.e. the candidate’s 33rd birthday must be after 1 January of the competition year.

9. Conclusion

9.1 This Award will provide something of value to the young international freight forwarders in industry.

9.2 The international winner will be asked to complete a feedback report form in order to evaluate the training received as part of the Award. This feedback should include any



recommendations for improvement and should be sent to the Award Administrator within two months of completing the training. This report will be submitted to the Steering Group.

9.3 To obtain maximum participation, the Award shall be advertised in:

- 9.3.1 FIATA Review.
- 9.3.2 TT Club newsletter TT Talk.
- 9.3.3 FIATA Logistics Institute meetings.
- 9.3.4 ITJ - International Transport Journal (Basel) via FIATA News.
- 9.3.5 General Media releases.
- 9.3.6 FIATA Association Member Media and publications.

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