**Rules for 2023 Implementation Award**

**Who is the award for?**

The award will be granted to a pair/team of water professionals from one or more drinking water companies and/or Vewin and a KWR researcher or researchers who have demonstrably and jointly applied a BTO (Joint Research Programme) result in practice in the past five years.

**What do we mean exactly by implementation?**

We use the term ‘implementation’ to refer to all activities that contribute to the application of a research result at one or more drinking water companies for the purposes of:

* improving a business process (extraction, treatment, storage, distribution, client);
* further developing and applying a new method (simulation, analysis, subsurface, sensor, etc.);
* developing a new concept, ground-breaking insight, or new way of working;
* making a demonstrable and significant contribution to a policy discussion that is relevant for the drinking water sector.

**Which conditions apply to the Implementation Award?**

Conditions:

1. The knowledge that has been implemented must have been developed under the auspices of the BTO programme (including WiCE).
2. The knowledge that has been developed must have been applied by at least one water company.
3. The implementation process must have been carried out jointly by one or more water companies and/or Vewin and KWR.
4. The BTO knowledge must have been used in practice in the past five years.
5. The form should be completed in full and submitted no later than **3 April 2023** to daniëlle.patist@kwrwater.nl.

**Award criteria**

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the submissions, with equal weighting being given to the six criteria:

Category 1: Knowledge and application

1. The knowledge has been applied at one or more companies. *If the knowledge has been applied at multiple companies or if there are leads for application at other companies, additional points may be awarded.*
2. Implementation contributes to the business objectives of the drinking water company in question. *If the application contributes to multiple business objectives, additional points may be awarded.*

Category 2: Collaboration

1. The water professional at the water company and the KWR researcher(s) have taken (additional) steps to transfer the research results to the water company and make them ready for application.

Category 3: Impact

1. The implementation project has demonstrably led to added value for society and interest from social partners and/or the business sector (such as engineering firms or technology manufacturers).
2. The application is internationally relevant and has it generated international attention.
3. The applied research result has generated added scientific value and it has been published in scientific media. The implementation project has been published in a range of media (such as professional journals, magazines, news releases or conferences).

**Award**

The prize consists of a trophy and a team outing (to be organised by the winning team) worth up to €100 per person.

**Procedure**

1. The award is granted every two years.

A call for nominations for the Implementation Award will be posted in BTO News Online. A request will be sent directly to the theme chairs and members of the Coordination Consultation Committee (CO) to nominate potential candidates (KWR + companies). Nominations can be made by all BTO sections (Themes, Sector Research, Exploratory Research, Organisation & Connection and WiCE).

1. The proposers (in other words, all BTO participants from the water companies and KWR) will make clear in their submissions why this candidate meets the criteria and who (from the water company/companies and KWR) will be present to receive the award and what their role has been in implementation.
2. The BTO Programme Management will act as the secretariat, collect the nominations and send an overview to the BTO Coordinating Consultation Committee (CO).
3. The jury will consist of two CO members from the drinking water companies, a Chief Science Officer from KWR and a BTO programme manager.
4. The jury will evaluate the entries on the basis of the criteria above and select the winner. The jury report will be sent to the CO for information purposes.
5. The BTO Implementation Award will be presented at the BTO Festival Day on 8 June 2023 by or on behalf of the chair of the BTO Coordinating Consultation Committee. A trophy will be handed to the winning team selected by the professional jury.
6. Public award: BTO participants may vote for the top three of the nominations selected by the judges. The team that wins the public award will receive a certificate and a team outing (to be organised by the winning team) worth up to €100 per person, with the funding being awarded within twelve months of the award ceremony.

**Jury**

The 2023 jury consists of two CO members, one KWR Chief Science Officer (Ruud Barthelomeüs or Milou Dingemans) and Anne Mathilde Hummelen (KWR).

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