



**THE LEARNED SOCIETY OF WALES**  
**CYMDEITHAS DDYSGEDIG CYMRU**

CELEBRATING SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVING THE NATION  
DATHLU YSGOLHEICTOD A GWASANAETHU'R GENEDL

**The Menelaus Medal of the Learned Society of Wales**  
**Regulations, as approved by the Council of the Society, 1 July 2015**

*The Medal is awarded by the Learned Society of Wales and is sponsored by the South Wales Institute of Engineers Educational Trust (SWIET2007). The original South Wales Institute of Engineers which was founded in 1857 by the engineer and iron and steel manufacturer and general manager of the Dowlais Iron Company **William Menelaus** (1818-82).*

1. The Menelaus Medal of the Learned Society of Wales shall be awarded for excellence in any field of engineering and technology to an academic, to an industrial researcher, or to an industrial practitioner who is resident in Wales, or who is of Welsh birth but is resident elsewhere, or who otherwise has a particular connection with Wales.
2. Fellows shall be invited to submit nominations (which shall be set out on no more than one side of A4 paper) of suitably-qualified persons by no later than 26 weeks before the Annual General Meeting which marks the end of the Society Year during which the Medal shall be awarded. Unsuccessful nominations shall be retained for further consideration by the Committee for a period of three years (including the year in which they are submitted), following which they shall cease to be valid for consideration. The Committee shall be free to consider persons other than those nominated by Fellows.
3. The Medal shall be awarded to the person deemed to be the most worthy by a **Committee** comprising:
  - one person appointed by the Council of the Learned Society of Wales from among the members of the Council who shall Chair the Committee;
  - one person appointed by the Council of the Learned Society of Wales from among the Fellows of the Society (Science, Technology and Medicine) not being a member of the Council;
  - one person appointed by the Board of Trustees of the South Wales Institute of Engineers Educational Trust (SWIET2007) from among the members of the Board.
4. Appointed and co-opted members shall serve for a term of three years, or such shorter period as the appointing body may decide. They shall be eligible to serve for not more than two consecutive terms, following which a further period of three years shall elapse before any such member shall be eligible for re-appointment. The Chair of the Committee shall continue to hold office only for as long as they remain a member of the Society's Council.
5. The Committee may co-opt or consult further Fellows of the Society as required.
6. The Committee may conduct its business through meetings or by correspondence.
7. The Medal shall ordinarily be awarded to one person during each Society Year (being the period between Annual General Meetings of the Society) but, in the event that the Committee concludes that no person meets the appropriate standard of excellence during a particular Society Year, the Medal shall be withheld.
8. The Committee shall reach its decision on the award of the Medal no less than twelve weeks before the Annual General Meeting which marks the end of the Society Year in question.
9. The Medal shall be presented by the President of the Society during a ceremony which shall be arranged by the Society.
10. Following the presentation, the Medallist shall deliver a lecture suitable for young people and the public.