

AWARD 2014

Dear Professor Julius Natterer,

It is my pleasure and privilege as President of the IASS to inform you that the Executive Council has voted to confer upon you the Torroja Medal. According to the Statutes of the IASS, "The Executive Council may from time to time award the Eduardo Torroja Medal to a member or non-member of the Association in recognition of outstanding and distinguished contributions to design, construction, or research of shell and/or spatial structures. This medal is conferred upon those who embody the ideals and accomplishments of Eduardo Torroja, the founding President of the IASS. Torroja Medalists shall receive lifelong dues-free Individual membership in the Association." You clearly fulfill this description, and the Executive Council was pleased to approve your nomination that was formulated and submitted by a group of at least three distinguished IASS members.

We plan to formally confer your Torroja Medal at the IASS-SLTE Symposium 2014 to be held in Brasilia, Brazil, 15-19 September 2014 (<http://www.iass2014.org>[<http://www.iass2012.org/>](http://www.iass2012.org/)). We are conferring one Torroja Medal in a plenary session, probably immediately following the Opening Ceremonies on the first day of the symposium. As part of the conferral event we are inviting each honoree to present a plenary lecture. I am authorized by Professor Ruy Marcelo Pauletti, Chair of the Brasilia Organizing Committee, not only to invite you to make a plenary address but also to inform you that they will be in contact with you about benefits from the Organizing Committee for each of the plenary speakers: fee-free registration at the symposium and probable support for your accommodations and travel.

Please let Prof. Ruy Marcelo Pauletti (pauletti@usp.br[<mailto:pauletti@usp.br>](mailto:pauletti@usp.br)), and me (rene.motro@univ-montp2.fr[<mailto:rene.motro@univ-montp2.fr>](mailto:rene.motro@univ-montp2.fr)) know whether you will be able to accept our invitation to attend and present a plenary address at the IASS-SLTE 2014 in Brasilia. I am sure that in further correspondence the Organizing Committee will request a title and abstract for your talk and will cover any further details about your registration, accommodations and arrival and departure dates.

On behalf of the IASS, I convey hearty congratulations and best wishes. I eagerly look forward to seeing you in Brasilia.

With my personal regards

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Professor Emeritus

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