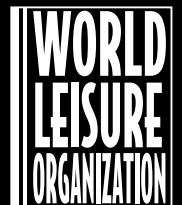


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GEORGE TORKILDSEN LITERARY AWARD



OPEN CALL 2023

Deadline: 15 September 2023

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Website link: <https://www.worldleisure.org/george-torkildsen-literary-award/>

Description

The George Torkildsen Literary Award seeks to perpetuate the memory of this remarkable individual who served as Chair of the World Leisure Board of Directors (1996 – 2004). He was the first community sports center manager in Britain and has been called the father of sport and leisure in that country.

George Torkildsen (1934 – 2005) was a pioneer and leader to the emergent profession of recreation management. Trained as a Physical Education teacher, he started his career in community leisure management in Harlow, England in the 1960s, managing the first all-purpose leisure centre in the United Kingdom. Following periods of study in North America, George was awarded a well-deserved doctorate. He established a leisure management consultancy, Pickering Torkildsen, in partnership with Ron Pickering, the celebrated BBC TV athletics commentator. After Ron's death, George continued his consultancy work, eventually forming the Torkildsen Barclay Partnership.

George was a leader who took the leisure management profession forward. He taught on many post-graduate leisure and recreation courses. He worked faultlessly and tirelessly improving standards and focusing on excellence of delivery. He was active and well respected throughout the United Kingdom and around the world. Both the main UK leisure management institutes honoured him with life memberships.

A prolific writer, lecturer and teacher, he authored Leisure and Recreation Management, Leisure Management A to Z: A Dictionary of Terms, and Torkildsen's Guides to Leisure Management. These publications have become standard coursework reading on many leisure management courses around the world.

In 2005, he conceived and implemented the concept of an International Innovation Prize for leisure management projects which the World Leisure Organisation first awarded in 2006. In his memory, the trophy awarded to winning projects is known as "The George".

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The Award recipient will receive **free registration** to the 17th World Leisure Congress in Dunedin, New Zealand (December 11-15, 2023).

The Award recipient is expected to provide the funds to cover additional costs.

Eligibility Criteria

- Contributions that advance the professional literature in the area of recreation, parks, conservation, environment or leisure;
- Research or scholarly endeavors that significantly influence new ideas, concepts and/or reveal new insights into recreation, parks, conservation, environment or leisure;
- Ideas, concepts or writings that arouse professional awareness and/or provide new insights leading to major changes in the way in which the recreation, park and leisure service movement is viewed or practiced;
- Significant literary activities over a life time that reflect continuous and sustained contributions. Contributions may be reflected in a series of articles, books, lectures, research and technical reports, monographs or other forms.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated on:

- Their literary contributions to advancing leisure concerns worldwide;
- The impact of such contributions as reflected in their influence to the general public and/or profession;
- The clarity, solutions and insights brought to emerging trends, issues and concepts as well as issues, problems and concerns.

Application/Award Procedures

- Name of the individual, title, organizational affiliation and full contact details;
- A written statement of not more than 1,000 words that addresses the nominees scholarly efforts and/or other professional contributions, referencing the impact that the nominees contributions have made to leisure world wide;
- The nominees curriculum vitae (2 pages maximum)
- Nominations are due on **15th September 2023**.
- Winner notification due on **6th October 2023**.

Please send nominations in PDF format via email to World Leisure
Secretariat: secretariat@worldleisure.org

Applications are evaluated by World Leisure Board of Directors.