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AIAA Announces Journal Survey Paper Awards

AT its meeting on July 19, 1967 the Board of Directors recently approved a Publications Committee recommendation that a series of Publication Awards be made for the best review or survey papers accepted for publication in the *AIAA Journal*, *Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets*, *Journal of Aircraft*, and *Journal of Hydronautics*. The purpose of the awards, which were approved by the Board on an experimental basis for this year only in order to evaluate their effect, is to stimulate the preparation of competent review papers for the Journals. If successful in attaining this goal, the awards would become an annual feature of the AIAA Honors and Awards program.

Each of the four awards carries an honorarium of \$750.00. Judges will be the Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editors of the appropriate Journal. Authors of all review or survey papers received between July 1, 1967 and September 30, 1968 will be eligible. In accordance with Journal policy, review or survey papers need not necessarily conform to the "maximum length" standards set for regular contributed papers. Acceptable papers will, of course, be published in accordance with usual Journal procedures for review or survey papers.

A review paper fills a very special need in the technical and scientific literature. Its objective is to provide background information which will give the reader a broad perspective of one facet of a certain field of work, identifying new trends and developing unifying viewpoints, where possible. In this respect, a good review or survey paper can be useful for several years beyond its date of publication both to people in the field and to those in related fields. It *must* be characterized by the author's critical evaluation of the key findings and trends illustrated by the reviewed material.

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