



Conditions of Participation Aquatech Innovation Award 2021

1. Participation is open to exhibitors and non-exhibitors of Aquatech Amsterdam 2021.
2. An innovation is a product/service/concept which must have been commercially launched in the water market later than 5 November 2019 (with the exception of products entered in the category "Innovation – not yet to market"). The innovation must not have been previously exhibited at a Dutch trade exhibition.
3. The participation fee is € 100.- (ex. VAT) per product entry. The entire proceeds will be donated to a charity that will be announced in a later stage.
4. All information given by the participant of the Innovation Award will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, until publication of the registered entries in September 2021.
5. The categories for the competition are as follows:
 1. Water Supply (including Drinking Water, Clean Water, Point of use / Point of Entry)
 2. Wastewater treatment
 3. Transport and Process & Control
 4. Green Chemicals for Water Technology
 5. Innovation – Not to market yet (for products not yet commercially launched)
6. The following prizes are offered:
 - First prize: 'Winner Aquatech Innovation Award 2021'
 - 'Category Winner Water Supply Aquatech 2021'
 - 'Category Winner Waste Water Treatment Aquatech 2021'
 - 'Category Winner Transport and Process & Control Aquatech 2021'
 - 'Category Winner Green Chemicals for Water Technology Aquatech 2021'
 - 'Category Winner Innovation – not to market yet Aquatech 2021'
 - 'Aquatech Innovation Award - Industry choice'
7. By virtue of their participation, contestants recognise the rules of the contest, agree to observe these rules unconditionally and accept the decision of the panel of Jury members as final.
8. The registration procedure for the contest is as follows:
 - a) The entry form must be fully completed in English via the online application form in the 'Exhibitor Portal' at www.aquatechtrade.com;
 - b) It is obligatory to include at least 1 high resolution (minimum 300dpi) picture;
 - c) Submission of the online application form is equivalent to registering for the competition and commitment to the registration fee of € 100.- excluding VAT;
 - d) Final deadline for application to Aquatech Innovation Award is **8 September 2021**. No entries will be considered after this date.
9. The product or service entered for the Aquatech Innovation Award (hereinafter referred to as the innovation) must be associated with the water industry.
10. The innovation shall be realistic, feasible and practical.



11. The exhibitor hereby declares that the innovation meets the following criteria and will also be judged by these criteria:

- 1) Originality
- 2) Practicality (technical, economical, feasibility)
- 3) Sustainability (environment, security, energy and efficiency)

12. Every entry that does not conform to the submission procedure described above will be ineligible for consideration, unless the panel of Jury members deems participation in the contest as reasonable.

13. The jury may re-allocate an entry to a different category if it finds it inappropriately placed.

14. If the panel of Jury members consider none of the entries to be of sufficient quality, no prizes will be awarded. The jury decision is final. There will be no possibility to question the decision judgment of the panel and no correspondence will be entered into.

15. Nominated companies will be personally notified by the Aquatech organisers no later than **30 September 2021**. The nominated companies will not communicate this to others and will keep the fact that its product has been nominated internally confidential until the official announcement has been made by the jury and Aquatech organisers.

16. The award ceremony will take place during the opening ceremony on Monday **1 November 2021** at the RAI Amsterdam Exhibition Centre. Representatives of all nominated products are expected to be present at the opening ceremony.

17. The nominated innovations will be exhibited via poster or digital presentations at the Aquatech InnovationLAB during Aquatech Amsterdam 2021, from Tuesday 2 November to Friday 5 November at the RAI Amsterdam Exhibition Centre. The nominee will be required to provide photo, film and/or print material to facilitate this presentation. By virtue of their participation in the competition, contestants are deemed to have granted permission for the entries to be exhibited and their details to be published. They also grant permission for circulation of innovation photographs and product descriptions for the purposes of publication by Aquatech, RAI Amsterdam and third party media.

19. If an innovation is selected which has been submitted by both manufacturer and its distributor or dealer, the manufacturer will receive the prize. The jury report will mention manufacturer and distributor or dealer.

20. No transfer of intellectual property rights or copyright is inferred by entry in the Aquatech Innovation Award; the organisers respect all rights vested in original products.

21. Product documentation sent to the jury, the Aquatech Project Team and/or RAI Amsterdam will not be returned to participants.

22. No Aquatech personnel or persons involved in the judgment or administration of the competition may take part in the competition.

** The earlier we receive your entry, the more time we have to properly judge your products. We kindly ask you to therefore enter your innovation **as soon as possible**.*