

## THE EARTO INNOVATION PRIZE

### SUMMARY

EARTO is launching an innovation prize in order to promote the RTO profession, both to potential customers as well as to a wider political and general public.

The EARTO Innovation Prize is open only to EARTO members. A jury selected to provide a balanced representation from the worlds of research, industry, public service and innovation may make up to three awards in any one year.

The Prize will reward recent innovations achieved with a significant contribution from an EARTO member. It will be awarded to the RTO *per se*, in recognition of a collective effort. Rewarded innovations will have the following characteristics:

- social and/or economic relevance;
- innovative originality;
- proven or at least plausibly demonstrated practical application, and
- proven or at least plausibly demonstrated viability.

The Prize, which shall take the form of a certificate and a trophy, will be presented by the President of EARTO in the autumn of each year at a dedicated, high-level ceremony in Brussels.

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The EARTO Innovation Prize will be awarded for the first time in 2009. The time-table is as follows:

February 16th	Announcement and invitation to EARTO members to submit applications
April 10th	Closing date for applications
May 4th	Completion of stage-one screening (see document "Rules and Procedures")
June 15th	Completion of final evaluation and selection
October	Award ceremony in Brussels

For further information please contact The Secretary General of EARTO at the address below.