Alan Ingham Award

Recognising the very best research, innovation and application demonstrated by students and recent graduates on relevant BSc, MSc and PhD courses in the UK and Ireland

Win up to £500 and have a paper based on your dissertation published in *soundings* magazine

The chance to be entered for the prestigious *IFHS Student Award* and the chance to win £1,500 plus free attendance at the next Hydro conference where you would present your paper

“Perfection is elusive but its pursuit is infinitely fascinating”

Alan Ingham, Founder of The Hydrographic Society

Deadline for Phase 1 (Entry Form and Abstract) extended to 31st January 2017

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The Hydrographic Society UK is an independent, non-profit making, non-governmental, learned professional membership organisation which provides a forum for everyone involved in activities related to hydrography and associated disciplines, both in the UK and overseas.

Amongst the Society's strategic objectives are to:

- encourage the broadest possible inclusion of people and organisations interested in hydrography and to create a network for their interaction
- promote the dissemination and free exchange of information between all those engaged in hydrography and related disciplines
- promote the advancement of education and training for those engaged in or intending to engage in hydrography and associated disciplines
- offer support and guidance to those seeking Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in hydrographic surveying and associated sciences and technologies

As part of its commitment to meeting these aims, and nurturing future generations of hydrographic professionals, the Society is launching its Alan Ingham Award. Rather fittingly, the annual award – named after the Society's founder, who once said “Perfection is elusive but its pursuit is infinitely fascinating” – recognises and rewards the very best research, innovation and application demonstrated by students and recent graduates on relevant BSc, MSc and PhD programmes at universities in the UK and Ireland.

The winning candidate will also be The Hydrographic Society UK's nominee for the International Federation of Hydrographic Societies (IFHS) Student Award and the chance to attend its prestigious international Hydro conference, where they will present a paper based on their dissertation studies to an audience of approximately 300 delegates from 40 countries.

The winner and runners-up will be formally announced in the Spring Issue of soundings and, wherever possible, at the Society's AGM. The inaugural awards will be made in 2017.

Prizes

The winner of the annual Alan Ingham Award will:

- receive a personal cheque for £500, a framed certificate and an appropriate gift
- have a 1500-2000 word feature article based on their dissertation published in the Society's quarterly magazine soundings
- be The Hydrographic Society UK's nominee for the prestigious IFHS Student Award (see below) and the chance to win £1,500 plus a trip to its Hydro conference and present a paper based on their dissertation studies to a truly international audience including some of the most influential names in global hydrography.‡

In the event that this person does not win the IFHS Student Award and its associated prize package (see opposite), The Hydrographic Society UK will offer them an additional £500 towards the cost of attending Hydro or a similar event (subject to prior approval of the event and on production of receipts).‡

In addition, up to two runners-up prizes will be awarded each year. Runners-up will:

- receive a personal cheque for £150, a framed certificate and an appropriate gift
- have a feature article based on their dissertation published in the Society's quarterly magazine soundings

Eligibility

To be eligible a candidate must have been a bona fide full-time student on a relevant undergraduate or postgraduate level course at some point during the 12 months preceding the closing date for entries.

All nominees must declare that, if successful, they are willing and able to present a paper during the Student Presentation Session at the next Hydro conference (details available at www.hydroconference.org); if they are unable to do so the prize may be withdrawn and/or offered to another candidate.

‡ Please refer to Terms & Conditions on the reverse of the Alan Ingham Award Entry Form
All entries must be submitted using the official entry form which can be downloaded from the Alan Ingham Award page at www.ths.org.uk (and also included in Student Welcome Packs). All forms must be endorsed by tutor/lecturer at the university where they are/were studying.

**How to Enter**

**Phase 1**

If you wish to be considered for the Alan Ingham Award please:

- complete and return the enclosed Entry Form (additional copies can be downloaded from the Alan Ingham Award page at www.ths.org.uk)
- supply a 400-word summary of your dissertation studies which would form the basis of your feature article for *sounding* and/or presentation at a Hydro conference

Your form must be endorsed by a tutor/lecturer at the university where you are/were studying.

All forms and summaries must be received by 31st December.

Up to six candidates will be short-listed to proceed to Phase 2. All entrants will be notified of the outcome of Phase 1 by 20th January.

**Phase 2**

The short-listed candidates are required to submit their 1500-2000 word paper for *sounding* by 15th March. They will receive guidelines on the preparation of their paper when they are notified of their selection.

Adjudication of Phase 2 and eventual selection of the Alan Ingham Award winner and runners-up will be based on the 1500-2000 word papers.

All candidates will be notified of the results by early April at the latest.

**IFHS Student Award**

The International Federation of Hydrographic Societies (IFHS) is a unique partnership of learned national and regional hydrographic societies which, acting as an umbrella organisation, provides an international voice for hydrography. The Federation provides a global hub for the wider hydrographic community, and is recognised throughout the world for promoting the development of hydrography and hydrographic learning by providing unrivalled opportunities for the exchange of ideas and practices.

IFHS's annual three-day Hydro conferences are acknowledged as an important forum for innovative ideas and exploring emerging technologies, applications and practical experiences within all sectors of hydrography.

Under the terms of the IFHS Student Award Scheme (launched in 2013-14) each of the IFHS-member societies is entitled to select and nominate a single outstanding candidate who, if successful, must be willing and able to present their paper, based on their dissertation studies, to an audience of approximately 300 delegates from 40 countries at the next Hydro conference. In addition, the winner will receive a personal cheque for £1,500 (GBP), complimentary Hydro delegate registration and up to £1,000 towards travel and subsistence costs. The prize will be formally presented during the Hydro Conference Dinner.

The winner is notified in July, giving them approximately four months in which to prepare their presentation.

Individual applications for the IFHS Award are not permitted.

For further information about the International Federation of Hydrographic Societies and the IFHS Student Award visit www.hydrographicsociety.org.

For further information about the Alan Ingham Award, or anything else above, please contact helen@ths.org.uk
Alan Ingham was a remarkably versatile and considerate individual without whom The Hydrographic Society would not exist. He thought of himself as no more than a simple former sailor and self-taught artist. But his enduring legacy will not be readily forgotten by those who had the good fortune to know and work with him and it is for that reason that this award recognising outstanding endeavour and achievement is named in his memory.

Alan enlisted at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth at the tender age of 13 and thus began a 19-year naval career. Having progressed to the Royal Navy proper in 1950, he joined the Surveying Service in 1956. There he saw service in domestic waters and on numerous postings in the Indian and Pacific Ocean regions, including an exchange with the Royal New Zealand Navy from 1960-61.

Retiring from the navy in the latter half of the 1960s, Alan was attracted to the educational world and the opportunity to lecture on Hydrographic Surveying at Waltham Forest Technical College (later to become North East London Polytechnic in 1970, and now the University of East London). He progressively established his academic credentials by not only boosting student intake for a subject previously untaught outside the Royal Navy but also with authorship of two seminal books, *Hydrography for the Surveyor and Engineer* (1974) and *Sea Surveying* (1975) - both remain required reading for aspiring students of hydrography and associated disciplines.

Alan was always inclined to the extra-curricular. He immersed himself in the wider professional aspects of hydrography, presenting papers on educational issues at home and overseas as well as active membership of the RICS's Education and Hydrographic Surveyors' committees. In 1971 he was elected Chairman of FIG's Working Group charged with establishing internationally-recognised standards of competence for hydrographic surveyors, the precursor to the current FIG-IHO-ICA International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers.

Reconciling the needs of training and education with those of the offshore engineering and port industries became a raison d’être for Alan and ultimately led to the inauguration of The Hydrographic Society on 24 March 1972. Alan was the driving-force behind the fledgling enterprise staffed by a select band of unpaid fellow-enthusiasts (including his wife, Rose) and remained its Hon. Secretary until his retirement from academia in 1984. He was subsequently elected its first Emeritus Member in recognition of his selfless devotion to the ‘Cause’.

Alan had also another lifelong passion, one which brought him immense contentment and, thanks to his remarkable talent, even greater fame: art. He mainly, but not exclusively, painted the English countryside with finesse and a cartographic eye for detail. In the mid-1980s he was acknowledged as one of Britain’s leading landscape artists with well over 1,200 original works and countless prints to be found in private and institutional collections worldwide. Many of these works are reproduced in *Under a Watercolour Sky* (1996). A selection of Alan's illustrations also featured on the back covers of early issues of The Hydrographic Journal (Vol. 1 & 2).

'Evening Departure' by Alan Ingham was reproduced with the artist's permission in The Hydrographic Journal No. 100.
### Alan Ingham Award Entry Form

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☐ I confirm that if selected as The Hydrographic Society UK’s nominee for the IFHS Student Award I would be willing and able to present this paper at the next Hydro* conference. I understand that if this changes I may become ineligible for either/both the Alan Ingham Award and the IFHS Student Award.

☐ I confirm that if I am selected as the winner or runner-up of the Alan Ingham Award I am willing to have my paper published in Soundings magazine and that I will ensure that all copyright and other permissions are satisfied prior to publication.

☐ I attach a **400-word summary** of my dissertation and proposed paper.

☐ I have read the Terms & Conditions on the reverse of this form.

Signature: .......................................................... Date: ..................................
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From time-to-time the Trustees may update the Terms & Conditions of the Alan Ingham Award. The current versions of all relevant documents are available to download at www.ths.org.uk.

To be eligible, a candidate must be a full-time student on a relevant undergraduate or post-graduate level course or have been so, on or more recently than 30th April this year.

All candidates must declare that, if successful, they are willing to have a 1500-2000 word paper based on the 400-word summary published in Soundings magazine and that they will ensure that all copyright and other permissions are satisfied prior to publication.

Copyright of all feature articles published in Soundings will be jointly held by The Hydrographic Society UK and the author.

All candidates must declare that, if they are selected as The Hydrographic Society UK’s nominee for the IFHS Student Award, they would be willing and able to present their paper at the next Hydro* conference. If they are unable to do so either/both the Alan Ingham Award and/or the IFHS Student Award may be withdrawn and/or offered to another candidate.

In the event of the winner of the Alan Ingham Award being unable to commit to being available to present their paper at Hydro, The Hydrographic Society UK reserves the right to nominate the first runner-up for the IFHS Student Award. Under such circumstances, the relevant component of the winner’s prize would be transferred to the first runner-up.

All entries must be submitted on an official entry form.

All completed entry forms must be received by 31st December.

The Hydrographic Society UK will notify the candidates shortlisted for Phase 2 of the selection process by 20th January. These candidates will be required to submit their 1500-2000 word papers for Soundings by 15th March.

The winner and runner(s)-up will be notified by early April.

* Unless no Hydro conference is scheduled for that year