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Ravensdown Award Nominations

The guild will be calling for nominations for the Ravensdown Agricultural Communicator of the Year 2019 in soon. Nomination forms will be distributed next month and the deadline will be early May.



Start thinking about people you could nominate.

The award recognises and honours people or groups who have made major contributions to the agricultural sector by communicating relevant and important information to the

sector or about the sector. Those nominated do not have to be Guild members (though people nominating them must be), but they must be someone who has done an excellent job communicating with or to the rural sector, or on behalf of the rural sector.

Ravensdown Award Dinner

The Ravensdown Agricultural Communicator of the Year function will be held at The Verandah in Hamilton on the opening night of National Fieldays.

The winner of this year's award will be announced at an evening function on Wednesday, 12 June. If you are going to National Fieldays, keep the night free for this important event.

Annual Awards Dinner

This year's journalism awards dinner is returning to Wellington's Harbourside Function Venue (formerly Mac's Function Centre) on the evening of Friday, 18 October. Put that date in your diary now.

IFAJ Photography Award

There is still time to enter the Star Prize for Photography. Members can enter this themselves, not

through the guild. The deadline is 23 February. Photos must be of broad agricultural interest and have been published in 2018, in print or on the internet. There are three different sections, People, Production, Nature and Landscape and you can enter one or all. The entry form is <https://www.ifaj.org/contests-and-awards/ifaj-star-prize-photography/#1482250325916-c8a1315b-70e5-IFAJ>, under contests and awards.

First place in the People category was a photo by John Eveson from the UK, 'A young competitor at Staffordshire County Show.'



Subscription Invoices Sent Out

Treasurer Mick Calder has sent out membership invoices. If you didn't receive one and think you should, send me (or Mick - mick.w.calder@gmail.com) a message.

Remember, there is a discount for prompt payment if it is paid before 31 March. The subs are \$150 a year, or \$130 if paid by 31 March.

And there is a new level of membership, associate membership for anyone who works 50% of their time as an agricultural journalist or communicator, but wants to stay a member. Associate members pay 60% of the current membership rate, which would be \$78 if paid by before 31 March or \$90 if paid after it.

Registrations Open for Congress 2019

Early bird registrations have opened for this year's IFAJ Congress which is being held in the USA, in late July. For more information on trips, content, costs etc go to ifaj2019.org