2008

Overall Winner & Infrastructural Category Award | Caladh Mòr Sheltered Harbour Development, Inis Mèain, Aran Islands



The Overall Winner was in the Infrastructure Category where there were 9 entries.

The jury considered that the winner demonstrates how in adverse conditions nature's raw materials can be excavated, reconstituted with the addition of cement to form concrete elements and reassembled in the same place in a way that absorbs the forces of nature and provides a welcome place of refuge and safety.

The overall winner of the Irish Concrete Society Wards 2008 is 'Caladh Mòr Sheltered Harbour

Development, Inis Mèain, Aran Islands' which also received a commendation in the Sustainability Category

Project Details: Client: Galway County Council

Engineer: RPS Consulting Engineers

Contractor: SIAC Construction

Major Supplier: Cairealacht Chill-Bhride Teo

Building Category Award | Sean O'Casey Community Centre, East Wall, Dublin 3

Sean O'Casey Community Centre was the Building Category Winner where 13 entries were considered. The quality and variety of entry impressed the jury.

The winning entry was chosen as it exudes simplicity and clarity of detail which is achieved using a minimal palette of materials – primarily concrete. This building illustrates how simple ideas well resolved can make a strong statement of community spirit.



Project Details: Client: Dublin Docklands Development Authority

Architect: O'Donnell + Tuomey Architects
Engineer: Casey O'Rourke Associates

Contractor: PJ Hegarty & Sons

Major Supplier: Roadstone

Elemental Category Award | Lake House, Co. Kerry

Lake House, Co. Kerry was the Elemental Category Winner where the jury considered 9 entries. The winning scheme demonstrated an excellent understanding of the importance of attention to detail at all stages through design to construction.

It is evident that Client, Designers and Contractor worked as a team. The aesthetic and structural qualities of the concrete remain exposed in the completed element and the result is a pleasant blend, where old and new integrates seamlessly.



Project Details: Client: Private

Architect: Clancy Moore Architects
Engineer: Malachy Walsh & Partners
Contractor: S & T O'Shea Contractors

Major Supplier: John A Wood

Sean de Courcy Award | Ross Johnston of Queens University Belfast "Development of the flexible concrete arch system"

The Sean de Courcy Award is given to an undergraduate for the best final year project relating to concrete. The winning project was entitled 'Development of the flexible concrete arch system' and has been won by Ross Johnston of Queens University Belfast

The project was awarded on the basis of:

- This thesis has relevance in a developing area.
- It deals with an efficient and sustainable form of construction which in our view moves the subject area forward.
- It is practical in its application, the subject was well researched and the report continually made reference to the application of the research and testing involved.
- The report was well presented in a clear logical manner and was of very high quality.

This year, due to the very high quality of the submitted reports, the Jury decided to make a commendation in addition to the above award.

The Highly Commended Project is: "Formwork Striking Times of GGBS Concrete using Temperature Matched Curing" by Sean Griffin of DIT Bolton Street

European Concrete Award



An Irish Entry in the European Concrete Society's Network Awards Scheme received an "Honourable Mention" in the Building Category. The entry was The Sillogue Water Tower, which was a winner in the Society's Awards scheme in 2007.

Presentations were made to representatives of the clients and contractor who attended the Awards Evening.

Project Details: Client: Dublin City Council

Architect: McCarthy Hyder Consultants
Engineer: Michael Collins & Associates

Contractor: John Craddock Ltd

Major Supplier: Roadstone