

### Item 10

**Communications Committee Report** 

**Proposal: CAETS Communications Prize** 

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## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Improve communications of technology policy to government and the public
- 2. Inspire young people with the importance of engineering and technological sciences
- 3. Improve understanding of the important benefits of technology amongst the general public

### **COMMUNICATIONS PRIZE PROPOSAL**

## **≻**Objective

- Inspire students with engineering success stories
- Show the general public how engineering changes their lives for the better

### > Method

- Create a prestigious global award to encourage member Academies to develop inspiring video presentations
- Awards will be based on a short (preferably 5 minutes but maximum 15 minute) video



#### THE AWARDS

# **➤** Engineering success story – proven impact

- Presented by a Fellow of a member Academy
- Outcomes of the work must be proven economically or in public service

## > High potential innovation

- Presented by anyone who is introduced by a Fellow of a member Academy
- Work does not have to be fully proven but must present a convincing solution which can be proven with time



### THE PROCESS

- > Videos presented in English or with subtitles in English
- ➤ Each member Academy can submit a maximum of 2 videos per year
  - Closing date 6 months prior to Annual CAETS meeting
- ➤ Winners will be selected by an international Committee appointed by the CAETS Communications Committee
- ➤ Initially no prize money but we shall seek corporate sponsorship for future prizes
- > Awards announced at Annual CAETS meeting

### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

- ➤ How well the problem being solved is described (will it inspire the audience to recognise the importance)
- > How innovative the solution is
- ➤ How well it is communicated to a general audience
- > For category 1: proof of impact
- > The publicity plan to be presented with the video

### PROPOSAL TO COUNCIL

- ➤ Approve the establishment of the 2 CAETS Communications Awards
- First awards to be made at the CAETS meeting in Buenos Aires on 19 September 2021
- Closing date for submissions on 1 April 2021

