

Elsie Cropper Award Guidelines

1) Introduction

This award was instituted in memory of Elsie May Cropper, a senior member of the Operational Research Executive (ORE) of British Coal, who died in service in 1989, aged 44 years. Elsie had always been a strong supporter of 'young' entrants to the field.

2) Eligibility

Delegates who give a presentation at the Society's New to OR conference are eligible. They must meet the criteria for the New to OR conference attendance, namely they should be persons with no more than ten years' experience in OR (including time spent in postgraduate OR education) who have at least two years' working experience based in the United Kingdom, of Operational Research in industry, commerce, government, or in a University teaching or research post. These criteria will often exclude delegates specifically invited to the conference to give Keynote papers.

3) Value

The winner would have their name engraved on the Elsie Cropper shield as a permanent record of their achievement. A miniature shield is also presented to the winner.

4) Entry

Eligible delegates at the New to OR conference are automatically considered. No specific entry is required.

5) Selection

Delegates attending sessions at the conference are encouraged to score each presentation. The winner is the eligible presenter with the highest average score, subject to a minimum number of assessments being made.