



AARNet announces \$20,000 additional sponsorship of 2009 Eckermann-TJA Prize

Competition calls for papers on innovative use of broadband communications to support a sustainable environment

Melbourne, AUSTRALIA 29 May 2009 AARNet, Australia's Academic and Research Network has announced it will be providing \$20,000 worth of in-kind network services for the winner of the 2009 Eckermann-TJA Prize.

The Eckermann-TJA Prize calls for papers which demonstrate the tangible benefits that an innovative use of broadband communications technology can deliver in supporting a sustainable environment.

The \$20,000 worth of AARNet network services will be available to the 2009 prize winning entrant for one year, to bolster his/her research program. This will accompany the \$20,000 cash prize awarded to the winner by Alcatel-Lucent, major sponsor of this years competition.

Professor Peter Gerrand, Managing Editor of the Telecommunications Journal of Australia, said, We at TJA are delighted by AARNets contribution of \$20,000 in network services to this years winner of the Eckermann-TJA Prize. This should greatly benefit the organization that employs the researchers who contribute the winning paper for this years Prize, whether they are based in industry or academia. It also increases the global reach and value of the Prize.

Guido Aben, Director of eResearch for AARNet, said, AARNet is pleased to be able to support the academic and research community by offering this in-kind sponsorship to the winner of this years Eckermann-TJA Prize. With this sponsorship, AARNet is offering to consult with the winner to help them lift their eResearch to the next level, through the concerted allocation of state of the art network resources.

AARNets portfolio of resources contains leading-edge products such as international light paths and high-definition video conferencing. \$20,000 worth of such resources should make a tangible difference to the winning researcher.

The Eckermann-TJA Prize calls for papers up to 6,000 words, which are judged by a panel chaired by Professor Peter Gerrand, Managing Editor of the Telecommunications Journal of Australia, and including Robin Eckermann (former Chief Architect, TransACT), Dr Mike Dennis (Australian National University), Associate Professor Craig McDonald (University of Canberra) and Mr Ric Clark (Chief Technology Officer, Alcatel Lucent Australia). Previous winners of the Challenge have demonstrated significant environmental benefits through the use of broadband, including the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through grid-charged, electrically-powered passenger vehicles, water efficiency improvements in irrigation and the reduction of energy consumption in mobile networks.

The competition is open until 3 November, 2009 and the winning entry will be published in the Telecommunications Journal of Australia in February 2010. For more information on the 2009 Eckermann-TJA Prize, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/2009Eckermann-TJAPrize>.

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About TJA

TJA, the Telecommunications Journal of Australia, is the journal of record for the Australian telecommunications industry, published every year since 1935 (and online since 2007). These days TJA is multidisciplinary and global in scope: it provides technical, economic, social and legal analysis of major developments in the worldwide communications industry. The theme of the July 2009 issue is Network Neutrality, with papers covering developments in Australia, Canada, Japan, NZ and the USA.

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