

Regarding the “Open Geomechanics Impact Paper of the Year 2022”

Open Geomechanics Editors

In 2023, we (the Open Geomechanics editors) decided to award an “Impact Paper of the Year” for the papers published in 2022. The idea is to allow some key players in the geomechanics domain to shine a spotlight on a particular paper in the form of a short editorial and a recorded interview between the lead author of the paper and the editor that handled it.

Three recognised researchers in the geomechanics field, independent from the editorial board, were asked to score all the papers published in 2022 according to five alliterative criteria:

- significance (depth of problem, interest for further work / industry / education)
- singularity (“Novelty”)
- sharpness (“Clarity”)
- scientific quality (intellectual merit)
- style (aesthetics)

Prof. Bernardo Caicedo (Universidad de los Andes), Antonio Gens (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya) and Giulia Viggiani (Cambridge University) were invited as the expert reviewers and all three accepted to review all the papers. They provided detailed reviews evaluating all the papers in a fair and unbiased way.

Unfortunately the consensus of the reviewers was that the most impactful paper of the year includes among its coauthors at least one Open Geomechanics editor.

Since we are not comfortable with this situation, we have decided not to award the “Impact Paper” for the year 2022, and will do so – omitting papers co-authored by editors (be there any) – starting in 2023.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks as well as apologies to the three reviewers, who took time and effort to review these papers, and we are rather disappointed not to be able to see through the interview process for 2022.

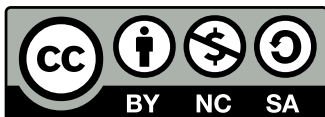
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