

Time is passing and also standards to evaluate scientific work requires to be updated . Commission 1.1 awards two prizes: YMPA for young micromorphologists and Kubiěna medal to reward an outstanding carrier in soil micromorphology.

In Commission 1.1 we have analysed past editions and we have realized that the criteria for these awards have been very subjective and a bit out of date. This is why the two established Award Commissions for delivering YMPA 2021 and Kubiěna medal 2022 have implemented and agreed – before the actual start of the evaluation – more quantitative criteria. These criteria were valid only for the current evaluation that has already been done.

Starting from this preliminary effort, here we want to expose an update of this work to you and to start a discussion with all our Commission 1.1 members to achieve a new version of the evaluation criteria for both YMPA and Kubiěna medal to be voted at next business meeting at WCSS in Glasgow and to be used in next award editions (after WCSS Glasgow) . The Commission will always be in charge of establishing scores and corresponding ranks but in the framework of better framed criteria.

In the pages below we summarise the current criteria (in grey box) and below the suggested changes.

We invite any comments, regarding the proposed refinements – please sent to prof. Fabio Terribile (fabio.terribile@unina.it). To facilitate this process, it is suggest to use ‘track changes’ in MS Word (of course you must trasform this pdf text into a word file).

Of course any formal change of the award rules will be done in agreement with IUSS offices including the IUSS Committee on prizes and awards.