Dean Koga Outreach and Education Prize

APT is honored to introduce the Dean Koga Outreach and Education Prize in recognition of Dean Koga, APT's 20th President (2015-2017).

During his productive career, Dean lectured widely and published in peer-reviewed journals. He was among the first American-trained professional preservationists to apply scientific methods of documentation and treatment for heritage buildings. He was well known for his expertise in wood and plaster conservation. He also helped pioneer the practical use of digital databases associated with computer-aided design, now a common practice. Dean had a passion for international travel, engaging students, and supporting emerging professionals while trying to expand the reach of APT.

Dean was a founding member of the Building Technology Heritage Library. In 2006, as APT webmaster, Dean had the aspiration to add technical content to the APT website. Mike Jackson volunteered his personal trade catalog collection for scanning, which was the inception of the APT Building Technology Heritage Library (BTHL). The initial scanning of 30 documents uploaded to the APT website has grown to become a comprehensive and international collection of trade catalogs, magazines, and books in an online platform.

During the development of the BTHL, APT partnered with international institutions and private collectors to enhance the collection. Over the last decade, more than 11,000 documents have been scanned and uploaded to create an online resource for materials and building systems up through 1963.

A long-time member of the Publications Committee, Dean oversaw the redesign of the APT website in 2013 and served as committee co-chair from 2010 to 2015. Dean was Vice President from 2013 to 2015, before serving as APT’s 20th president from 2015 to 2017. Dean posthumously received the Harley J. McKee Award at the 2019 annual conference in Miami for his dedication to APT and its outreach to the community of preservation professionals, especially via digital media.

This prize combines Dean Koga's interest in supporting research as well as emerging professionals, and his goal of disseminating APT's technical expertise to the preservation community at large.
Purpose of the Prize:
The intention of this prize is to advance technical knowledge and to disseminate technical knowledge outside APT. Special consideration will be given to technical presentations covering current research topics in preservation or modes of delivery for preservation technology that are to be shared formally with outside organizations and especially with the international preservation community. The funds could support travel costs to give technical presentations or support technical outreach through public access web platforms.

Examples of Opportunities for Sharing Technical Knowledge:
● Presentation at a technical conference or workshop (in-person or virtual), preferably not APT. (Should the awardee’s abstract not be accepted at an outside conference we defer to APT’s conference.)
● Development of technology to disseminate information (e.g. app development).
● Publication of technical knowledge in journal/magazine of APT partner organization or similar.
● Production and sharing of a short technical video (e.g. YouTube).
● Applicant-defined format outside of mainstream methods.

Details of Prize:
● APT will provide a mentor based on topic to assist with the dissemination process.
● Monetary award will be $2,000. Payment of half of funding will be made at time of award; remaining funding will be provided upon completion.
● Funding may be used for such things as conference registration, travel funding, vehicle for technology dissemination, etc.

Requirements for Prize:
● Interim report 6 months after receipt of initial award distribution to be submitted to APT Board and prize selection jury.
● Final product, as appropriate, within a 1-year timeframe:
  o Conference program / publication where research will be launched.
  o Demonstration of product (e.g. app) in use where technology/research is being disseminated.
● Recipient agrees to APT’s terms and conditions for funding distribution under Details of Prize above.

Application Process:
● Application form follows on the next page.
● Application and related materials submitted in a single PDF to kogaprise@apti.org.
● Applications reviewed by a jury of up to 5 appointed by the APT President, selected from the following member categories: APT College of Fellows, APT Board of Directors, and Member at Large.
● Prize announced during APT’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the annual conference.
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Application

1. Name
   Title
   First Name
   Last Name

2. Contact Information
   Street Address
   City, State/Province
   Country
   Postal Code
   Phone - home, work, or cell
   Email

3. Application Letter (1,000 words maximum) describing the following:
   a. Proposed topic/project, including how the topic/project furthers transfer of preservation technology knowledge;
   b. Current status of work (in progress or completed);
   c. How/where information will be disseminated (conference presentation, publication, YouTube, etc.); and
   d. Proposed use of funding.

4. Resume/curriculum vitae (CV)

5. Three reference letter(s) from Professor/Mentor, Principal/Supervisor, Client/Charitable Organization (i.e. for volunteer work), etc.

6. Letter of support from APT technical committee or chapter, if applicable

Application materials to be submitted electronically as a single PDF to kogaprise@apti.org

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