

2008 AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND insurance industry awards

NOMINATIONS OPEN SOON FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE INDUSTRY AWARDS, HOSTED BY THE INSTITUTE IN CONJUNCTION WITH FOUNDING PARTNER ASIA INSURANCE REVIEW.

NEW NATIONAL ISR masterclass

Starting in Brisbane on Wednesday 21 May, the Institute is offering a new one-day specialist ISR Masterclass as part of a national capital city rollout for this important specialist product category.

The ISR Masterclass is tailored to suit experienced property insurance professionals and professionals with responsibilities ensuing from this class of insurance. The course provides compelling, competitive, contemporary market knowledge on wordings, local and global trends, underwriting criteria, risk assessment, premium theory, claims initiatives, profitability, return on capital and reinsurance techniques pertinent to this class.

The awards unite all sectors of the insurance industry to celebrate the industry's dedication to best practice and high achievement.

Twelve award categories recognise companies and individuals who demonstrate commitment to quality and professionalism. The categories are:

- ❑ Broker of the Year
- ❑ General Insurance Company of the Year
- ❑ Insurance Leader of the Year
- ❑ Law Firm/Practitioner of the Year
- ❑ Life Insurance Company of the Year
- ❑ Loss Adjuster of the Year
- ❑ Premium Funder of the Year
- ❑ Reinsurance Company of the Year
- ❑ Risk Manager/Team of the Year
- ❑ Service Provider to the Insurance Industry
- ❑ Services to the Community Award
- ❑ Innovation of the Year.

Organisations, teams or individuals are invited to submit applications addressing key criteria. A distinguished panel of Australian, New Zealand and international judges, representing all sectors of the industry, then adjudicate each award category and finally, the process is audited by an independent body to ensure rigour and transparency.

The Institute also invites organisations, teams or individuals to nominate companies they believe worthy of an award. The Institute will contact nominees requesting award submissions.

Gala Awards Presentation

The Awards will be presented at a gala presentation evening on Thursday 7 August at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The presentation dinner was a sell-out event in 2007 and is now widely regarded as one of the most

prestigious events on the insurance social calendar, uniting all sectors of the industry to celebrate innovation and professional achievements.

Award applications/nominations open Friday 14 March and all applications must be received by Friday 16 May. Application details and table reservation information will be available at www.theinstitute.com.au from 14 March.

AON RE Scholarship announced

Aon Re Australia and the Institute are again recognising an outstanding insurance professional in the Australian and New Zealand financial services market through the 2008 Aon Re Scholarship.

The scholarship winner will attend the annual Aon Re Global Clients Reinsurance Seminar in London in June. The seminar provides an intensive program of study for insurance professionals, providing knowledge of the global and London reinsurance markets while developing important international business contacts to further their careers. (The award-winning article by 2007 Aon Re Scholarship winner David Chan is published in this issue, page 34.)

Applications for the 2008 Aon Re Scholarship will open earlier than last year. Details will be announced soon and potential applicants can find application forms and information at www.theinstitute.com.au as soon as they are available.



REINSURANCE Rendezvous

Stamford Plaza Double Bay, Sydney 17 - 19 September 2008

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