

THE INTERNATIONAL JOHN BUNYAN SOCIETY  
THE RICHARD L. GREAVES PRIZE

**Regulations and Procedures**

**Article 1: description**

The Richard L. Greaves Prize was established in 2004 in honour of the memory of the first president of the International John Bunyan Society, Professor Richard L. Greaves, and of his unrivalled contribution to the understanding of early modern Protestant culture in general and of John Bunyan in particular. It is awarded every three years by a Committee of the IJBS for an outstanding book-length work of scholarship, in any format, devoted to the history, literature, thought, practices and legacy of Anglophone Protestantism to 1700.

**Article 2: endowment**

The Prize was endowed by the family of Richard L. Greaves. It is managed by the IJBS. The current (2014) value of the Prize is US \$250.

**Article 3: eligibility**

To be eligible for consideration, books must have been published within the three full calendar years preceding the next IJBS triennial conference. They may be critical editions, monographs, volumes of essays, dictionaries, bibliographies, catalogues... published in English or translated into English, in paper or electronic format. The Committee is responsible for obtaining copies of the books for consideration. These can be in any relevant field. The Prize is not limited to studies devoted to John Bunyan, and can be awarded to scholars who are not members of the IJBS. Works by members of the Committee are not eligible.

**Article 4: award committee**

The Committee comprises a Chair and between two to four members nominated by the President of the IJBS for a period of three years (non-renewable) within six months following the triennial conference. The judges are scholars representing disciplines in the field of early-modern Protestant studies. The Committee may also include other experts such as editors, librarians, curators, art historians, and booksellers. The members of the Greaves family and of IJBS are informed of the composition of the committee.

**Article 5: procedure**

The timetable for the Committee's work is set by the Chair. This is as follows :

- i. production of a longlist. To this end, Society members are encouraged to propose titles to the Chair. The longlist can be kept open to accommodate publishers' production schedules until stage (iv) below;
- ii. books on the longlist are assigned to individual members of the Committee for reports. Should a volume, at this stage, be deemed to lie outside the expertise of the members, they may co-opt one or more external assessor(s);
- iii. in the light of the reports, a shortlist is agreed whose length is at the discretion of the Committee;

- iv. the shortlist is announced to the authors, the Greaves family and the IJBS by the IJBS President.
- v. all members of the Committee read each volume on the shortlist, and elect a winner by a simple majority of the votes cast. In case of a tie, the casting vote is the Chair's. In exceptional cases, the panel may confer an 'Honourable Mention'.
- vi. the Chair communicates the result to the President of the IJBS a minimum of eight weeks before the next triennial conference.

**Article 6 : decision**

The decision of the Committee is final.

**Article 7: outcome**

Having been advised of the result from the Chair of the Committee the President of the IJBS communicates the outcome, as yet confidential, to the Greaves family. The name of the winner is announced by the Chair during the next conference. If he/she is present (which is to be arranged if at all possible), the Prize is presented by the Chair during a ceremony which includes a citation summarizing the Committee's reasons for its decision.

**Article 8 : publicity**

The Chair and the President of the IJBS ensure that the Prize is advertised in the relevant media.