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BSE Assistant Professor Wins the Inaugural Publons ECR Reviewers' Choice Award

The Department of Building Services Engineering (BSE) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) is proud to announce that, among the over 600 nominees from countries around the world, Dr Huang Xinyan, Assistant Professor of BSE, has been awarded the inaugural [Publons ECR \(Early Career Researchers\) Reviewers' Choice Award](#) in recognition of his tremendous efforts and exceptional contribution to scholarly peer review of research papers in maintaining scientific quality. Dr Huang is recognized for being an “active, careful, enthusiastic, constructive, and responsible reviewer”.



Dr Huang has won Publons Peer Review Awards for his field in the past two years, as well as Springer's Jack Watts award in 2015 for the quality, depth, number, and timeliness of his reviews. He was also recognized for the Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing by eight different Elsevier Journals.

Professor You-Lin Xu, Dean of the Faculty of Construction and Environment said, “Dr Huang has demonstrated untiring commitment to peer review that helps uphold the academic credibility of a journal. We are proud of his contributions to the academic research field.”

Dr Huang is deeply honoured to receive the international award. “Peer review is an excellent learning experience as well as a valuable self-reflective process that helps enhance my writing skill for preparing research papers. I am very happy to be able to contribute to the scientific community,” he said.

Dr Huang is a Combustion Scientist and a Fire Protection Engineer. He received his PhD (2016) from Imperial College London and joined PolyU in 2017. He has served as a reviewer for 33 journals and made 185 pre-publication reviews so far.

ECR Reviewers' Choice Award celebrates early-career researchers' exceptional advocacy, innovation, or contributions to scholarly peer review, organised by Publons which is a global network of peer reviewers and part of Clarivate Analytics. This is the first year Publons runs the peer-nominated and voted Award, which is designed to recognise an individual who has been influential in the realm of peer review, or has significantly contributed to improving the system. The newly established award is part of Publons' global Peer Review Awards, the only cross-publisher Awards that endorse the efforts of peer reviewers worldwide.

The other five finalists competing for the Award comes from University of Oxford, Imperial College London, University of Texas in Austin, Brno University of Technology and Eindhoven University of Technology. For further information on the Award, please browse: <https://publons.com/community/awards/ecr-reviewers-choice-award>.

Congratulations to Dr Huang for his achievement and hope Dr Huang keeps shining in the Building Services Engineering discipline.