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Dear Dr. Fraternali,

On behalf of the Society for Experimental Mechanics, Inc., I am delighted to inform you that your paper "Directional Wave Propagation in a Highly Nonlinear Square Packing of Spheres", A. Leonardo, F. Fraternali, C. Daraio,, *Experimental Mechanics*, 53(3), 327-337, 2013 has been selected to receive the **2015 Hetényi Award**.

The Hetényi Award is given annually for the Best Research Paper published in *Experimental Mechanics* in a given year; in this case, the year 2013. Your paper was selected by the SEM Honors Committee from amongst a group of outstanding papers nominated for this award by the *Experimental Mechanics* Editorial Board. The selection of your paper is a well-deserved public recognition by your professional peers of the quality and thoroughness of the approach that you took to this highly challenging problem.

The formal presentation of the 2015 Hetényi Award will take place at the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, June 10, during the SEM 2015 Conference and Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics that is scheduled to be held 8-11 June 2015 in Costa Mesa, CA. Please coordinate the details of your participation in this Awards Ceremony with Jen Tingets, (jen@sem1.com) at SEM Headquarters. Additional information about the 2015 Conference will be available on the SEM website ([www.sem.org](http://www.sem.org)).

Please supply a recent head and shoulders photograph of yourself as well as a short biographical sketch (100 words) for use in the 2015 Awards Booklet and in the post-conference issue of *Experimentally Speaking*. The material may be sent to the attention of Tom Proulx at the address above, or, preferably, via email to [director@sem1.com](mailto:director@sem1.com).

I want to add my personal congratulations. All the best to you, and I look forward to congratulating you personally at the 2015 Conference in Costa Mesa next June.

Best Regards,

Peter Ifju  
Chair, SEM Honors Committee