



## INDIAN SOCIETY OF SEED TECHNOLOGY

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### INDIAN SOCIETY OF SEED TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

The Society has instituted various categories of Awards for recognizing the meritorious and distinguished scientists/professionals/practitioners and other eminent persons. The main objective of the Society to confer these awards is to recognize and support excellence in research, technologies and innovations particularly in seed science.

#### **Guidelines:**

1. The Society shall give wider publicity for these awards amongst the promising candidates.
2. The candidates have to apply for the award in proper format and attach all supporting documents with respect to claims made in the application.
3. The Committee(s) constituted by the EC of ISST for the purpose of selecting will propose to the President, ISST the name(s) of awardee(s) based on their applications and/or presentations.
4. Decision of the President, ISST shall be final and unchallengeable.
5. The Society reserves the rights to change the criteria and/or cancel any or add new award(s).

The following awards are to be given during in any national/international seed seminar/congress/symposium etc. organized/co-organized by ISST or Annual General Meeting of the Society:

- 1. ISST Best Poster Award:** This award is introduced to encourage promising Scientist/Professional/Student working on seed to best depict their research findings in form of posters and learn from interactions with the stalwarts of his/her field of specialization. Three posters for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place from each theme of seed seminar/congress/symposium etc. will be selected for the award. **The awardees will be given a certificate and memento.**
  - a. The scientist/professional/student should be the member of ISST and s/he shall have to be a registered participant in event organised by the ISST.
  - b. Papers for poster presentation will be selected from the abstracts submitted in each theme by the Committee constituted for the purpose.
  - c. The scientist/professional/student should be required to display the poster at the designated place and time and required to be present throughout for interactions with the delegates and Committee.
  - d. The three members judging committee constituted by the EC of ISST for the purpose of evaluation would judge posters exhibited in each theme of seed seminar/congress/

symposium and propose for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places based upon **the content, quality of display and clarity** of ideas.

2. **ISST Best Oral Presentation Award:** This award is introduced to encourage promising Scientist/Professional/Student working on seed to speak about his/her research on public platform and learn through discussions with the learned audience. This would also inculcate the habit of making good presentations, better management of time and to develop confidence. **The awardees will be given a certificate and memento.** Following will be the criteria for ISST Best Oral Presentation Award;
  - a. The scientist/professional/student should be the member of ISST and the lead/ corresponding author is a registered participant in event organised by the ISST.
  - b. Maximum of five abstracts will be selected for oral presentation from the abstracts submitted in each theme by the committee nominated by EC of ISST for the purpose.
  - c. Author(s) of selected abstracts shall be required to submit the full length paper/s within 15 days of communication of selection to oral presentation/s for publication in 'Seed Research' and shall make a presentation of 10 (8+2) minutes of his/her publication/work.
  - d. Based on the presentation made by the participants' *one best paper* under each theme of seed seminar / congress / symposium etc., will be selected by the three members judging committee constituted by the EC of ISST for the purpose.
  
3. **ISST Best Research Paper Award:** To motivate the scientists to publish their best research findings in 'Seed Research' journal. **The awardees will be given a certificate and memento.** Society will nominate the ISST-Best Research Paper published in 'Seed Research' during each year for the Award based on the following criteria;
  - a. The author(s) should be the life member of ISST and s/he shall have to be a registered participant in event organised by the ISST.
  - b. The award will be given to the best research paper published during each calendar year in 'Seed Research' journal as judged by a three Member Committee constituted by the EC of ISST for the purpose.
  - c. Author(s) of selected best paper may be required to make a presentation of 10 (8+2) minutes of his/her publication/work.
  
4. **Padma Bhushan Dr. R. S. Paroda Award for the Best Research in Seed Science and Technology:** The objective of the award is to provide recognition to outstanding original research done and to provide incentive for enhancing the quality of doctoral research in the field of Seed Science and Technology. The award will be given to meritorious Ph.D. students and is meant exclusively for the doctoral thesis related to Seed Science and Technology from any Indian University/Research Institute. This award will be presented once in two years at any National/International event

organized by the Society, consisting of a cash grant of Rs. 10,000/-, a scroll of honour, a memento, and a certificate.

**i. Eligibility criteria:**

- Any Indian citizen who has completed his/her Ph.D. degree in the field of Seed Science and Technology in the year preceding the year of award.
  - The Certificate of the degree/provisional degree must have been obtained during the year before the last date of submission of application for the award. A thesis will be considered only once.
  - The research work must be original and must have a direct bearing on some relevant aspects of Seed Science and Technology
  - Must have published/accepted at least one research paper each in Seed Research as well as another journal having IF 1 or NAAS rating of 6.0 and above.
- ii.** The recipient of the award will be required to deliver an illustrated talk (15 minutes) on his/her significant research work submitted for the award in the national/international event of ISST. The registration in the event will be must and shall be borne by the individual.
- iii.** The TA/DA admissible under ISST bye-laws (limited to II-AC) shall be paid to recipient of the award for his/her journey from his/her place of work/residence to the place where national/international event is being held, **in case the recipient fails to get the same from his/her organization.**
- iv.** A three Member committee constituted by the EC of ISST for the purpose will select the best thesis for the Award.

- 5. ISST Young Scientist Award:** The scheme of ISST Young Scientist Award is introduced for promising Young Scientist/Professional who is working on seed. This award is to encourage them to be associated with the Seed Science and Technology. **The awardees will be given a certificate and memento.** The applications are invited for Young Scientist Awards for the each calendar year from individuals meeting the following criteria;
- a. The scientist/professional should be the life member of ISST and s/he shall have to be a registered participant in event organised by the ISST.
  - b. The scientist/professional should have published at least 5 research papers in 'Seed Research' journal.
  - c. The scientist/professional should be below 40 years of age on December 31 of that calendar year for which the award is applied.
  - d. A three Member committee constituted by the EC of ISST for the purpose will evaluate the all applications received for ISST Young Scientist Award. The applicants scoring less than 60% marks shall not be considered for the award.
  - e. One award shall be given for each calendar year.

- f. The selected scientist/professional shall be required to make a presentation of his/her significant contributions to Seed Science and Technology made till December 31 of that calendar year for which the award is applied.

**6. ISST Fellow: The awardees will be given a certificate and memento.** The applications are invited for ISST Fellow Awards from individuals meeting the following criteria:

- a. The candidate should be the life member of ISST at least for 10 years.
- b. S/he should have published at least 5 research papers in 'Seed Research' journal.
- c. S/he shall have to submit the significant contributions made in one page to the ISST secretariat for records.

**7. ISST Scientist of Eminence Award:** The scheme of ISST Scientist of Eminence Award is introduced for promising mid-career scientists/professionals to encourage them to set an example for the juniors to be associated with the Society and Seed Science and Technology. The **awardees will be given a certificate and memento.** The applications are invited for Scientist of Eminence Award for the year from the individuals meeting the following criteria:

- a. The scientist/professional should be the life member of ISST, with a standing of at least 20 years and should have published at least 10 research papers in 'Seed Research' journal.
- b. The scientist/professional should be below 60 years of age on December 31<sup>st</sup> of that last year of the block for which s/he is applying for the award.
- c. S/he should have shown keen interest in activities of the Society and made significant contributions in seed research, teaching and extension.
- d. S/he is a registered participant in event organised by the ISST.
- e. A three Member committee constituted by the EC of ISST for the purpose will evaluate the all applications received for ISST Scientist of Eminence Award. The applicants scoring less than 60% marks shall not be considered for the award.
- f. This award will be given once in two years at National/ International event organised by the ISST in which s/he is a registered participant.
- g. The selected scientist/professional shall be required to deliver a 20 min. presentation of his/her most significant contributions to Seed Science and Technology made till December 31<sup>st</sup> of that calendar year for which the award is applied.

**8. Ch. Amir Singh Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award:** This award named after the Founder President, Ch. Amir Singh of ISST will be given to an eminent person who is known for his/her distinguished career and services to the cause of seed science and technology

and/or popularization of quality seed and/or maintenance of varieties including land races and/or extension/transfer of technology. The award consists of a scroll, a memento, a certificate and the cash prize of maximum Rs. 1,00, 000/- which would preferably be given in presence of any one of family members of Late Ch. Amir Singh. The EC will nominate only one scientist/professional for this award to be given in any national/international event of ISST based on the following criteria;

- a. Any one scientist/professional may be proposed by any of members and seconded by any two other members of ISST.
- b. The proposer will be required to submit one/two page/s write-up, highlighting the most important contributions of the scientist/professional proposed for the award.
- c. The proposed scientist/professional should not be less than 60 years of age on 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year of award.
- d. The proposed scientist/professional should have distinguished career and services well recognised among the seed community of India.
- e. The EC of ISST itself or nominated committee to select any one of scientist/professional from all proposed for this award for each calendar year.
- f. This award was instituted since the year 2016.
- g. The awardee shall be required to deliver Ch. Amir Singh Memorial Lecture during the national/international seed seminar/congress/symposium etc. organized by ISST.