

Professor B G Prasad Award

Out of funds received from Late Professor B.G.Prasad (Lucknow), a renowned epidemiologist, this award was started by the Society in 1985. It is aimed at promoting application of biostatistics in epidemiology. This award is given once a year to the best paper, out of those submitted for the award, published in any indexed journal or repute, during past three calendar years, preceeding the year of the annual conference of the society, on biostatistics in epidemiology. Papers published in proceedings of the conferences or accepted in any journal but not yet published, shall not be eligible for the award.

Nature of the Award: The awardee is given a medal and a scroll of honour. The award is presented by the President of the Society or his/ her nominee during the annual conference of the following year.

Submission of Entries for the Award: Any life member of the Society, who fulfils the eligibility criteria, may apply for this award. The applicant should be the first author of the submitted paper. There is no special session, held for this purpose during the Annual Conference of the Society.

Submission of Nominations / Entries for the Oration: A medical biostatistician, medical doctor or a scientist from a related discipline, fulfilling the following criteria, shall be considered for this Oration. s/He should:

1. Be a senior faculty member (Professor, Dy. Director, Senior Scientist or equivalent);
2. Be a senior ISMS Life member (for at least 10 years)
3. Have earned national eminence in the discipline by way of his/her academic contributions, leading to the promotion/development of the discipline of medical biostatistics, like improving capacity building, strengthening teaching and applications of biostatistics in medicine & health etc,
4. Should not have received this Oration earlier.

Method of identifying Nominee for this Oration: The nominee for Oration – fulfilling the requisite eligibility criteria, shall be identified by the Search Committee each year, after processing all entires received. The nominations for Oration – to be submitted online to the Chair – Search Committee, will be made by its members only. Thus, any life members – keen to be nominated, will approach to members of the Search Committee for the purpose. The nomination should contain following documents:

1. An e-mail to be sent to the Chair – Search Committee proposing the nominee for the purpose with a copy to the General Secretary.
2. Brief evidence on eminence achieved by the nominee in the discipline of medical biostatistics including services rendered to the Society, if any, (1 page), duly signed by the nominee (to be sent as an attachment).
3. Evidence on the nominee's life membership (like, life membership number, etc), consent of the nominee and tentative title of the Oration, duly signed by the nominee (to be sent as attachment).
4. A certificate, duly signed by the nominee, that he has never delivered this Oration earlier in the Society.

Criteria for Evaluation of Entries: All entries received for the purpose, shall be evaluated by the Search Committee. On the basis of recommendations of the Search Committee, the Governing Council of the Society will take a decision for the Oration. The General secretary will inform the awardee, well in advance, about the date, place and the name of the Organizing Secretary of the next year's Annual Conference where the oration-lecture is to be delivered.

Exceptions: In case no nomination is received in a particular year, the Governing Council can directly nominate any person of eminence for this purpose (with the consent of the nominee). In this case, it is not necessary for the nominee to be the life member of the Society but s/he will become life member before the Oration is delivered.