

Lifetime Achievement Award

This award was instituted in the year 2015 by the Society's Governing Council Meeting, held during its 33th Annual National Conference at Belgaum (Karnataka), on a proposal moved by Dr B L Verma – founder of the Society. The award is supported by Society's resources. It is most prestigious award of the Society, given to Former Presidents and / or to a senior Fellow on almost completion of his / her professional career. Thus, it is given to a senior life member of the Society for his / her overall outstanding contributions to the science of medical biostatistics, strengthening and / or promoting the discipline and rendering laudable services to the Society during life time.

Nature of the Award: The awardee is honoured by presenting a shawl (scarf), a gold medal and a scroll of honour. The award is presented by the President of the Society or his nominee during the Inaugural Ceremony of the annual conference. For receiving this award, on the Society's initiative & responsibility, funding support towards awardee's travel and local hospitality shall be made available by the Organizing Secretary of the annual conference.

Eligibility Criteria for the Award: A medical biostatistician, medical doctor or a scientist from a related discipline, fulfilling the following eligibility criteria, shall be considered for this award. s/he should:

1. Be a senior faculty member (not below the rank of Professor or equivalent) who has completed 65 years of age or retired from his/her regular professional service;
2. Must have acted as Society's President (for full term) and / or was elected as Fellow of the Society at least for 10 years before being considered for the award.
3. Must have established identity in the discipline – by way of outstanding contributions to the Society and / or earned national eminence by way of his / her academic contributions, leading to the promotion / development of the speciality of medical biostatistics, like improving capacity building, strengthening teaching and applications of biostatistics in medicine & health, etc.

Identification of Entries and Decision on the Award:

The nominations for the award, to be submitted to the Chair Search Committee, will normally be made, out of life members fulfilling the requisite eligibility criteria, by the members of the Search Committee only (if however, an eligible life member wishes to be considered for this award, then s/he can approach online, attaching requisite eligibility evidence, to the Chair Search Committee with cc to its members and the General Secretary, for consideration of his / her name for the award). A suitable nominee for the award shall be identified by the Search Committee each year, after processing all entries received from its members. The nomination should be in form of the following.

1. An e-mail, to be sent to the Chair – Search Committee, proposing the nominee for the purpose with cc to its members and the General Secretary.

2. Brief evidence on eminence achieved by the nominee by way of his / her contributions made to the discipline, including services rendered to the Society (1 page).
3. Evidence on the nominee's age / retirement and involvement with Society as its President and / or Fellow (with year of election), along with consent of the nominee.

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 the final decision on the award. The General Secretary will inform the awardee, well in advance-the date, place and the name & contact e-mail of the Organizing Secretary of the next year's Annual Conference, where the award shall be presented to him/her.