

Professor R N Srivastava Award

This award was instituted in the year 1993 by the Society with an endowment received from Late Dr.R.N.Srivastava, Jhansi (UP), the Founder- President of the Society. The award is given to the first author of the best unpublished paper – out of those submitted for the award, on medical biostatistics or epidemiological methods and presented in the annual conference of the Society.

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.

Eligibility Criteria of the Award: Announcement inviting entries for the award is made by the General Secretary of the Society. The applicant should be: a) life member of the Society, b) aged below 45 years (as on 31st March of that year), c) first author of the submitted paper and d) the unpublished paper, submitted for the award should not have received any other award earlier. A paper found not suitable for this award once, cannot be resubmitted for the award in the subsequent years.

Submission of Entries for the Award: Entries should be submitted online to the Organizing Secretary of that year's annual conference with a copy to the General Secretary, before the deadline, set by the latter for this purpose. The applicant should attach following documents with application for this award:

1. A copy of the full unpublished paper (to be considered for award),
2. A scanned copy of High School Certificate for proof of age,
3. A 'No objection Certificate' from the co-authors; if any, for the applicant being considered for the award.
4. A letter, addressed to the Organizing Secretary of the Conference (With a copy to the General Secretary, ISMS), requesting inclusion of the paper for the award.
5. A certificate that contents of the paper are genuine & based on applicant's own research work and that the paper – in full or part, has not been published anywhere in any form by him / her or co-authors and that, it was never submitted to this award earlier.
6. A certificate that the unpublished paper, submitted for the award has not received any other award earlier.

Criteria for Evaluation of Papers for the Award: The President will constitute a 4 – member Committee (members to be called jury / judges), out of the delegates attending the annual conference, for evaluation of the entries for the award (a copy of each submitted paper, if possible, shall be made available to the jury before the Session starts). After oral presentation of these papers, the jury may seek clarifications on the papers presented. These papers / presentations however, will not be open to questions by the general audience. Based on the quality of these papers and their presentation, the jury will decide on the best paper, out of those presented for the Award. In case, the Committee is of the opinion that none of the paper

is suitable, the award will not be given to anybody in that year. The award will be given to the first author of the best paper only.