

ISST AWARDS to be presented
during
National Seminar
on
**“Strengthening of Seed System in the North Eastern and Unreached
Regions – Problem, Prospects and Policies”**
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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 conferring these awards is to recognize and support excellence and innovation in Seed Science research. These awards will be presented to the selected individuals in the National Seminar on "Strengthening of Seed Systems in the North Eastern and Unreached Regions - Problems, Prospects and Policies" being organised at RIMS, Jubilee Hall, Imphal during February 3-5, 2019.

General 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 for the purpose of selecting awardee (s), will propose the names to EC, ISST; based on their applications and/ or presentations.
4. The decision of the EC, ISST in this regard shall be final.
5. The Society reserves the right to change the eligibility criteria and/ or cancel any or add new award(s).

The various categories of awards to be presented during the seminar are as follows:

1. **ISST Best Poster Award:** This award was introduced to encourage promising scientists/ professionals/ students working on seed-related issues to depict their research findings in the form of posters and learn from interaction with the experts of his/ her field of specialization. Three best posters from each theme of seminar will be selected for the award. The **awardees will be given a certificate and memento** and the criteria are given below:
 - i. The scientist/professional/student should be a member of ISST.
 - ii. Papers for poster presentation will be selected from the abstracts submitted in each theme by the Technical Committee or Sub-Committee of the Seminar.
 - iii. 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 delegate(s) and Judging Committee.
 - iv. A three-member Judging Committee constituted for the purpose of evaluation will assess the posters exhibited in each theme of seed seminar and propose for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place based up on the content, quality of display and clarity of ideas.
2. **ISST Best Oral Presentation Award:** This award was introduced to encourage promising scientists/ professionals/ students working on seed aspects to present his/ her research work on public platform and improve presentation skills through

discussions with the learned audience. This will also help to inculcate the habit of making good presentations, effective time management and boost confidence. The **awardees will be given a certificate and memento**. The criteria for ISST Best Oral Presentation Award are as follows:

- i. The scientist/professional/student should be a member of ISST.
- ii. Maximum of four papers will be selected in each theme for oral presentation from the abstracts submitted by the Technical Committee of the Seminar.
- iii. Author(s) of selected best paper shall be required to make a presentation of 10 (8+2) minutes of his/her publication/work.
- iv. Best presentation from the presentations made in each theme Seminar will be selected by a three-member Judging Committee constituted for this purpose.

3. **ISST Best Research Paper Award:** The objective of this award is to acknowledge a research paper making an outstanding contribution to the advancement of seed science and technology, and motivate the scientists/ students/ professionals to publish their best research findings in "Seed Research" journal. The **awardees will be given a certificate and memento**. A Committee, chaired by Chief Editor, ISST will nominate authors of one research paper for the award published in "Seed Research" during a particular year. The applications are invited for the ISST Best Research Paper Award for the calendar year (2017) with the following criteria:

- i. The author(s) should be a life member of ISST.
- ii. The award will be given to the best research paper published during each calendar year in "Seed Research" journal.
- iii. The author(s) of selected best paper may be required to deliver a presentation of 10 (8+2) minutes of his/ her publication/ work.

4. **ISST Young Scientist Award:** The scheme of ISST Young Scientist Award was introduced for the promising Young scientists/ professionals working on seed aspects and encourage them to be associated with the Seed Science and Technology discipline. The **awardee will be given a certificate and memento**. The applications are invited for Young Scientist Awards for **each of the 3 calendar years - 2016, 2017 and 2018** from individuals meeting the following criteria:

- i. The scientist/professional should be a life member of ISST.
- ii. The scientist/professional should be below 40 years of age on December 31 of that calendar year, for which the award is being applied.
- iii. The applicant is required to pre-register himself for the National Seminar on "Strengthening of Seed Systems in the North Eastern and Unreached Regions - Problems, Prospects and Policies" being organised at Imphal during February 3-5, 2019.
- iv. The selected scientist/ professional shall be required to deliver a 10 min. presentation of his/ her significant contributions made to Seed Science and Technology discipline till December 31 of that calendar year for which the award is applied.

5. **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:

- i. The candidate should be the life member of ISST at least for 10 years.
- ii. He/she should have published at least 3 research papers in "Seed Research" journal.

6. **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 2018 from the individuals meeting the following criteria:
- i. The scientist/professional should be the life member of ISST, with a standing of at least 20 years.
 - ii. The scientist/professional should be below 50 years of age on December 31, 2018.
 - iii. He/ She should have shown keen interest in activities of the Society and made significant contributions in seed research, teaching and extension.
 - iv. This award will be given once in two years at National/ International event organised by the Society in which he/ she is a registered participant.
 - v. 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 of that calendar year for which the award is applied.
7. **Ch. Amir Singh Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award:** This award was named after the Founder President of ISST and will be given to an eminent person, known for his/ her distinguished career and active 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 for not less than 25 years. This award will be presented once in two years at any National/ International event organised by the Society. The award consists of a scroll, a memento, a certificate and cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000/-, which would preferably be given in the presence of a family member of Late Ch. Amir Singh. The scientists/ professionals may be proposed based on the following eligibility criteria:
- i. A scientist/ professional may be proposed by any of the members and seconded by any two other members of ISST.
 - ii. The proposer will be required to submit one page write up, highlighting the most important contributions of the proposed scientist/ professional for the award.
 - iii. The proposed scientist/ professional should not be less than 58 years of age on 31stDecember of the year of award.
 - iv. The proposed scientist/ professional should have distinguished career and well recognised services among the seed community of India and abroad.
 - v. The EC of ISST will make the final selection of one scientist/ professional from the proposals received for this award by itself, or based on the recommendations of a Committee constituted by EC for the purpose.
 - vi. The awardee will be required to deliver Ch. Amir Singh Memorial Lecture during the National/ International event organised by the Society, in which the award is being conferred.

***Last date for submission of applications for the ISST awards is 10th January 2019.**