
The Walter J. Johnson Prize for John Kuriyan

John Kuriyan of the Laboratory of Molecular Biophysics, The Rockefeller University, New York has been selected as the 1992 winner of the Walter J. Johnson Prize of \$10,000 by the editors of the *Journal of Molecular Biology*. Established in 1987, the Walter J. Johnson Award recognizes the work of outstanding young scientists no older than 35. In the opinion of the editors of

the *Journal of Molecular Biology*, Kuriyan is one of the most talented and promising young scientists in structural biology. He is not only an excellent theoretician, but also an accomplished experimental crystallographer. Kuriyan's contributions include determination of the three-dimensional structures of the enzyme thioredoxin reductase and the related, but interestingly distinctive,

trypanothione reductase. More recently, he and his coworkers have solved the structure of a fascinating DNA-encircling subunit from *Escherichia coli* DNA polymerase III. Kuriyan has also made major contributions to simulated annealing procedures for crystallographic refinement and has developed a librational model to characterize overall motions in macromolecular crystals.

Stevens-Shapiro Fellowship of UK to Bibhas Kar

Bibhas Kar, CSIR Senior Research Fellow, who is doing research in the field of human genetics at the Department of Zoology, School of Sciences, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, has been awarded Stevens-Shapiro Memo-

rial Fellowship 1992 by the board of International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency (IASSMD) of United Kingdom for his outstanding research promise on the cytogenetic aspect of mental retarda-

tion.

He has also won the prestigious "ISCA Young Scientists' Award" at the Indian Science Congress held at Baroda in 1992.
