

# NATIONAL ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### ACADEMY AWARDS FOR THE BIENNIUM 2003–2004

(Last date for receipt of Nominations is 31 March 2004)

The National Academy of Agricultural Sciences has instituted various Awards for recognizing significant contributions of senior, middle level and young scientists to promote agricultural research. These awards are presented biennially at the time of Agricultural Sciences Congress. Nominations for the under-mentioned categories of Awards are invited for the year 2003–2004.

#### I. MEMORIAL AWARDS (Instituted by NAAS)

These awards are for distinguished services to the cause of Indian Agriculture: Research, Education and Transfer of Technology. The Awardee's contribution should have been recognized nationally/internationally and supported by significant publications. The Awardee shall be a distinguished Scientist above 55 years in age.

- 1. Dr B. P. Pal Memorial Award:** This award is the apex award and given once in two years for singular outstanding contribution to overall agricultural research and development. The awardee can be from any branch of science relevant to agriculture. The award consists of a scroll and pure gold medal.
- 2. Dr K. Ramaiah Award:** This award is given for outstanding contributions in Plant Improvement with reference to Genetics, Plant Breeding, Cytogenetics, Physiology, Biotechnology and Biochemistry of Crops including, Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Medicinal Plants and Forest Plants.
- 3. Dr K. C. Mehta Award:** This award is given for outstanding contributions in Plant Protection including Entomology, Plant Pathology, Nematology, Microbiology and Agrochemicals.
- 4. Dr M. S. Randhawa Award:** This award is given for outstanding contributions in Agricultural Engineering including Farm Machinery, Soil and Water Conservation Engineering, Energy Management, Post-harvest Technology, Food Technology and Dairy Processing and Social Sciences including, Statistics, Economics, Extension, Home Science and Nutrition.
- 5. Dr N. S. Randhawa Award:** This award is given for outstanding contributions in Soil, Water and Environmental Sciences and Natural Resource Management including Crop Production (Agronomy), Meteorology and Agroforestry.
- 6. Dr P. Bhattacharya Award:** This award is given for outstanding contributions in Animal Sciences including Veterinary Science, Fishery and Aquatic Resources.

The awards at Sl. No. 2 to 6 consist of a citation and gold plated silver medal.

## II. RECOGNITION AWARDS

1. These awards are given for significant contributions to the advancement of knowledge/ technologies in the relevant scientific disciplines of the particular area of agricultural sciences. The research contributions should be based on work carried out in India as evidenced by publications in scientific journals of repute/products and technologies developed. The awards shall be made to distinguished scientists, in the age group of 35–55 years, who are **Fellows of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences** in the following areas:

- a. Plant Improvement** with reference to genetics, plant breeding, cytogenetics, physiology, biotechnology and biochemistry of crops including fruits, vegetables, flowers medicinal plants and forest plants.
- b. Plant Protection** including entomology, plant pathology, nematology, microbiology and agrochemicals.
- c. Soil, Water and Environmental Sciences** including Natural Resource Management and Crop Production, (Agronomy), Meteorology, Agroforestry.
- d. Animal Sciences** including Veterinary Science and Fishery and Aquatic Resources.
- e. Agricultural Engineering** including Farm machinery, Soil & Water Conservation Engineering, Energy Management, Post-harvest Technology, Food Technology and Dairy Processing.
- f. Social Sciences** including Statistics Economics, Extension, Home Sciences, Nutrition, Research Management.

2. Each award consists of a citation, a medal and a sum of Rs 50,000.

## III. YOUNG SCIENTISTS AWARDS

1. The Young Scientist awards are initiated with the primary objective of distinguishing young scientists of promise and creativity through their contributions to agricultural sciences after obtaining Ph.D. degree.

2. Scientists below the age of 35 years are eligible for this award.

3. There will be six awards, one in each area of agricultural sciences as given for Recognition Awards.

4. Each award will consist of a citation, a medal and a sum of Rs 25,000.

**Note: Nomination proforma can be downloaded from the Academy website <http://education.vsnl.com/naas>**