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Academy Awards for the Biennium 2005–2006

(Last date for receipt of Nominations is 31 March 2006)

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 2005–2006.

I. Memorial Awards (Instituted by NAAS)

These awards are for distinguished services to the cause of Indian Agriculture: Research, Educational 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 contribution 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:

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- 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 agro-chemicals.
 - 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 and Water Conservation Engineering, Energy, 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. Endowment Awards

The Endowment Awards are based on specific financial endowments made to the Academy either to perpetuate the memory of a distinguished agricultural scientist/person whose contributions/services to the cause of agricultural sciences/Indian agriculture made a distinct mark and should reflect the stature and dignity of the Academy.

The Executive Council in its meeting held on 17-09-2005 has approved to institute an Endowment Award in the name of **Late Dr L. C. Sikka, eminent scientist in the field of potato research and development in the country. The award will be given to an outstanding scientist for contributions towards ensuring food and nutritional security.** The awardee can be from any branch of science relevant to agriculture. The award comprises a gold-plated medal, citation and cash prize of Rs 25,000.

IV. Young Scientists Awards

1. The Young Scientists 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 above 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: www.naas-india.org or write to Executive Secretary, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, NASC Complex, New Delhi 110 012.