

## The Fellowship

The society confers its Fellowship to scholars of academic eminence as a mark of their contributions to the cause of medical biostatistics at national and international levels and In recognition to their work towards fulfillment of the society's objectives. Members elected to this Fellowship are named as 'Fellow of the ISMS' or "FSMS" in the abridged form.

A maximum of 2 Fellows shall be elected each year by the Governing Council on the recommendation of the Fellowship Committee, provided that the total number of fellows does not exceed 75 at any time. The decision of the Governing Council will be reported to the General Body for ratification.

**i) Eligibility Criteria:** The nominees should fulfill following criteria for election as a Fellow:

- Must have a minimum of 20 years of Professional experience after obtaining PG Degree in statistical/medical or any other biological sciences,
- Should have been a Life Member of ISMS for at least 5 years,
- Should have been involved with ISMS activities(See, Section ii below, for exceptions),
- Should have already achieved high academic eminence in the discipline and
- Willing to pay Rs.10,000/- ( or any other amount as decided by the the Society from time to time), as Fellowship fee to the Society.

**ii) Method of Nomination:** Any life member, fulfilling the above eligibility criteria, can be nominated for this Fellowship by the Society's life members – one life members would propose and the other would second the proposal. The nominee, the proposer and the seconder must give their life members number in the Nomination Form. There is no special form for this purpose and the nomination – consisting of the following documents (see, Check List in Section iii), can be made on a plain paper, addressed to the Chair, FSMS Committee and submitted, electronically (after scanning), to the chair, Fellowship Committee with a copy to General Secretary for information, any time during the year so as to reach before the last date set by the Secretariat in that year for this, purpose. Scanned copies of the documents – duly signed by the nominee for authentication, towards academic and other contributions of the nominee, should also be attached with the nomination proposal.

In an exceptional case, Governing Council may invite even any non-ISMS member who is otherwise highly internationally reputed in the field, to become Society's life member and on the basis of a consensus opinion; the invitee may directly be elected by the council for conferment of this Fellowship, subject to the ratification by the General Body.

**iii) Checklist of the documents to be submitted with the Nomination Proposal:** Scanned copies of the nomination form and following documents should be submitted electronically.

- Letter of nomination (on a plain paper), addressed to the Chair, FSMS Committee, jointly signed by two life members of the Society – one as proposer and the other as Secunder to the nominee.
- Nominee's consent and a certificate that the documents and the factual information, submitted by him / her, are true and correct,

- Nominee's detailed C.V (Supported by a self attested photocopy of the PG or a higher degree),
- **Contribution to the ISMS:** i) Life membership no. ( or any other proof for length of ISMS membership), and ii) Evidence on nominee's past and present involvement/ contributions to the ISMS,
- **Contribution to the discipline:** i) Details on academic contributions, viz. research projects undertaken, books written / edited, chapters contributed, journals edited, papers published ( attach list of all publications and another list of 10 best papers with authorship properly indicated), bio-statistical facilities created or services established in the institution, etc and ii) Details or professionals recognitions achieved ( viz. honours /awards. Membership/ fellowship from reputed professional societies/bodies),etc.
- A brief note (1page) from the proposer and the seconder about their nominee, explaining why they consider – nominee worthy for being elected as Fellow of the Society.

iv) **Screening & Verification of Entries:** Entries received for the purpose shall be screened and verified from the available records/sources by the General Secretary. In case of any anomaly, s/he will soon inform the matter to the Chair, FSMS Committee The Secretariat within 1-2 weeks from the deadline for receipt of these entries, will provide his / her verification report to the Chair, FSMS Committee who will finalize FSMS Committee's decision on names, to be recommended for award of FSMS to the Governing Council well in time.

v) **Evaluation Criteria:** Entries shall be evaluated by the Fellowship Committee of the Society. Nominee shall be recommended by the Chair, on the basis of merit computed, considering average of scores, given by the Fellowship Committee members. Committee members shall give a score to each nominee out of 15, considering his/ her various contributions as per the scoring criteria, given on the next page. A minimum average score of 9 (60%) will be essential to become eligible for the Fellowship. Further, this average score has to be based on at least 70% evaluation reports (i.e. from at least 7 FSMS Committee members).

**Note:**

- Nominations received in a year shall be considered in that year only and the same will not be carried over to the subsequent year(s). However, a member can be nominated more than once for this purpose.
- For nominees from medical and other biological sciences, their efforts towards promotion of medical bio-statistics (such as-papers with good applications of bio-statistical in medicine/other biological sciences, improvement in bio-statistical facilities/consultation in the institution or any other work – directed to help strengthen the cause of medical biostatistics), shall be given due weight-age in considering him/her for FSMS award.

vi) **Fellowship Committee:** There shall be a 10 – member Fellowship Committee (President + 9 Members), to be Chaired by the President, to evaluate the entries received in a year.

The tenure of this Committee shall be of 3 years, with provision of re-election of members. Only fellows of the Society shall be eligible for its membership. Due consideration in the selection shall be given to their seniority and active involvement with the Society). Thus, membership of the Committee is subject to change after every 3 years. However, in order to maintain proper continuity

in the committee, the change in the committee-membership shall be kept limited to below 50% at any time. Further, if a Committee member does not respond consecutively for 3 years without any genuine reason, his/her name shall be removed from the Fellowship Committee.

vii) **Method of Scoring for Evaluating Entries:**

- **Involvement and contributions to ISMS:** (eg, attendance in ISMS conference, election as office-bearer, committee membership or SMS activity organized, etc)

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- **Contributions to the discipline:**

a) Academic contributions (viz. research projects undertaken books/chapters written, journals edited, papers published, bio-statistical facilities created or services strengthened in the institution, etc.)

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b) Awards/honours received, membership/Fellowship of academic bodies, or any other contribution,

made to the cause of medical biostatistics

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Total Score (maximum)

15

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viii) Conferment of the Fellowship: A life member elected as Fellow shall be honoured during the Annual Conference of the Society next year. The awardee shall be presented a scroll of honour and a medal by the President of his nominee. Fellows can add FSMS after their names as mark of their academic recognition. They will receive benefits of the Society as decided by the Governing Council from time to time.

ix) Payment of Fellowship Fee: All FSMS awardees shall pay Fellowship fee to the Society by 30<sup>th</sup> June of the following year or the date, set by the Secretariat for this purpose, before the award is made. Without this, no Fellowship shall be awarded to the candidate.