

FELLOWSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

(FSMS Award)

The Society confers a Fellowship to the scholars of high academic eminence as a mark of their contributions to the cause of medical statistics at national and international levels and in recognition to their academic 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 TWO FELLOWS are elected each year by the ISMS Executive Council on the recommendation of the Fellowship Committee, provided the total number does NOT EXCEED 50 AT ANY TIME.

1. Eligibility Criteria

Following will be the eligibility criteria for award of the Fellowship

The nominee should fulfill the following criteria:

- Must have a minimum of 20 years of professional experience after 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 (except in an exceptional case, see Section 2)
- Should have already achieved high academic eminence in the discipline.
- Willing to pay Rs. 10000/- as Fellowship fee to the Society

2. Method of nomination

Any ISMS Life Member, fulfilling the above eligibility criteria, can be nominated for this Fellowship by the Society's two Life Members - one Life Member should propose the nominee for the purpose and the other second the proposal. They must give their Life Membership number. There is no special form for this purpose and the nominations - consisting of the following documents (see Check List in item 3), can be made on a plain paper, addressed to the Chair, FSMS Committee and be submitted, electronically (after scanning), to the ISMS General Secretary, any time during the year so as to reach the Secretariat at least two months before the current year's Annual Conference or the last date set by the Secretariat for this purpose whichever falls earlier. Scanned copies of the

documents towards academic and other contributions of the nominee should be enclosed with the nomination and each document must be signed by the nominee.

Note :

In an exceptional case, EC may invite 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, may directly be recommended to the Executive Council for conferment of this Fellowship.

3. Checklist of the Documents to be Submitted with the Nominations

(Scanned copies of the nomination form and the following documents should be submitted electronically)

- Letter of nomination, addressed to the Chair, FSMS Committee, proposing and seconding the nominee for the purpose, by the two ISMS Life Members
- Nominee's consent and a certificate that the documents and the facts submitted by him/her are true and correct
- Nominee's detailed C.V. (supported by a self attested photocopy of the PG degree)
- Contributions 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 ISMS
- Contributions to the discipline: i) Details on academic contributions (viz. research projects undertaken, books written/edited, chapters contributed, journal edited, papers published (attach lists of all publications and also of 10 best papers with authorship properly indicated), bio-statistical facilities created or services established in the institution etc, ii) Details of professional recognitions achieved (viz. honors/awards, membership/ fellowship from reputed professional societies/ bodies etc) and iii) Any other contributions of relevance.
- A brief note (1 page) from the proposer/seconded about the nominee why they consider the nominee worthy for being awarded FSMS.

4. Screening & Verification

Entries received for the purpose shall be screened and verified, as far as possible, from the available records/sources by the ISMS Secretariat before sending them to the Chair, FSMS Committee for evaluation. The Secretariat, while forwarding these entries to the Chair for evaluation, will also provide a copy of the evaluation criteria for each member of the Fellowship Committee

5. Evaluation Criteria

Entries shall be evaluated by a 10 - member Fellowship Committee, to be chaired by the President of the Society. Nominees shall be recommended by the Chair, on the basis of merit, computed considering the 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 system, given below. A minimum average aggregate score of 9 (60%) will be essential to become eligible for the Fellowship. Further, this average aggregate score has to be based on at least 70% evaluation reports (i.e. from at least 7 Committee members).

Note :

- Nominations received in a year should be considered for that year only and the same will not be carried over to the subsequent years. However, a member can be nominated more than once for this purpose.
- If a FSMS Committee member does not respond consecutively for 3 years (i.e. 3 times), his /her name shall be removed from the Committee and a senior most suitable Fellow shall be made a Member in his /her place.
- For nominees from medical and other biological sciences, their contributions towards promotion of bio-statistics e.g., papers with good applications of bio-statistical methods, contributions on applications of statistics in medicine / biology, improvement in statistical facilities /consultation in institutions or any other work/effort, directed to help strengthen the cause of medical statistics, shall be given due weighting in the award of FSMS.

Scoring System for Evaluation of Entries

		MAXIMUM SCORE
I.	Involvement and Contributions to ISMS Activities (e.g. Attendance in ISMS Conferences, election as office-bearer, Committee-membership or ISMS activity organized etc.)	: 4
II.	Contributions to the discipline a) Academic contributions (viz. research projects undertaken, books/chapters written, journal edited, papers published, statistical facilities created or services strengthened in the institution etc.)	: 8
	b) Awards/honors achieved, membership /Fellowship from academic bodies, or any other contribution made to the cause of medical statistics	: 3
	Total Score (maximum)	: 15

6. Nature of the Fellowship

The member elected as Fellow of ISMS is honored in a special function/inaugural function of the Annual Conference of the next year and presented a Scroll of Honor and a Medal by the President / his nominee. Fellows can add FSMS after their names as mark of their academic recognition. They remain closely associated with the Society's activities, get publications of ISMS free of cost and receive other benefits of the Society as decided by its Executive Council from time to time

7. Fellowship fee

All FSMS awardees shall pay Rs 10,000 to the society as Fellowship fee by 30th June of the following year before the award is made in the upcoming annual conference. Without this, no fellowship will be awarded.