

Indian Society for Medical Statistics

ISMS Circular 2021

Dear Members

Dated: 17 August 2021

Greetings from ISMS!!

I am happy to send you the following information on the forthcoming activities of the Society.

1. 2021 National Conference of ISMS:

Like the last year, due to Covid19 related health risks in the country, this year also, Society's 2021 Annual National Conference shall be organized in virtual mode (i.e., as online event). Thus, the 39th Annual National Conference of ISMS (ISMSCON - 2021), will be held in the virtual mode on 9-11 December 2021 with Pre-Conference Courses on 8 December 2021. The First Announcement of ISMSCON-2021 has already been released. The theme of the this Conference will be – *Application of Biostatistical Techniques for Summarizing Evidence :Systematic Review & Meta – Analysis*. For more details, please write to:

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The registration for the ISMSCON-2021 is now open.

For more details, visit: www.rimsranchi.ac.in

- 2. Fellowship and Awards Ceremony:** As last year's ISMS Conference was held online due to Covid19, the 2020 awardees of Fellowship & Awards were not presented medals & awards certificates etc in the Inaugural Function of the 38th Annual Conference of ISMS. Presuming, 39th ISMS Conference shall be an offline event, like the past years, their presentation was postponed to the year 2021. Incidentally, 39th Annual Conference of ISMS (2021) is being organized again as an online event. Thus, medals & award-certificates of the 2020 & 2021 awardees are to be presented this year somehow. The Society is planning to organize a separate brief Fellowship &

Awards Ceremony, as a part of 2021 Conference of ISMS. The Ceremony shall be organized & conducted by the ISMS Secretariat in coordination with the 2021 ISMS Conference Organizers.

3. Nominations for Vacant Positions in the Governing Council for the Next Term:

Nominations are invited from the members of the Society for the following positions by September 30, 2021. These are to be prepared on a plain paper, be duly proposed and seconded by two ISMS members, have consent of the nominee, and submitted online to Dr Ajit Sahai, Chair – ISMS Nominating Committee (E-Mail : ajitsahai@gmail.com or ajit.sahai@gmail.com with a copy to the General Secretary - ISMS (E-Mail: generalsecretaryisms@gmail.com) so as to reach the Chair - Nominating Committee as well as to the Office of the Society, well before the deadline. Further, a Life Member should give his / her consent for election to only one vacant position in the Governing Council, at a time.

S. no.	Name of the Vacant Positions	No. of the Vacant Positions	Tenure
1.	Governing Council Member	3	3 years (2022-2024)
2.	Web Coordinator [To be filled-in by nomination only]	1	3 years (2022-2024)

4. Nominations for the Society's Fellowship:

Nominations are invited for the Fellowships of the Society. These are to be prepared as per the Society Guidelines {available on <http://www.isms-ind.org> (refer: Fellowship & Awards Rules, PDF file in the website)} and submitted online to Dr L. Jeyaseelan, Chair, Fellowship Committee (E-mail: ljey@hotmail.com) with a copy to the General Secretary – ISMS (E- mail: generalsecretaryisms@gmail.com) on or before the deadline, September 30.

5. Nominations for the Awards (falling under the purview of the Awards Committee):

Nominations for following awards are invited from the ISMS members. These nominations / applications are to be prepared on plain paper and submitted online, attaching necessary documents (visit, <http://www.isms-ind.org> and refer Fellowship & Awards Rules, PDF File), to Dr R M Pandey, Chair - Awards Committee (E- mail: rmpandey@yahoo.com) with a copy to the General Secretary –ISMS (E-

mail: generalsecretaryisms@gmail.com), so as to reach to the Office of the Society well in time (i.e., on or before the deadline, September 30).

This year's Awards (under the purview of the Awards Committee) are:

- i) Professor. B G Prasad Award
- ii) Smt. Surajkali Jain Award
- iii) Professor P V Sukhatme Award
- iv) Professor K R Sundaram Young Research Scholar Award

Note: *As this year's Annual Conference shall be an online event, nominations / applications for Smt. Saroj Shukla Travel Scholarship, are not being invited .*

All candidates, applying for awards should check their eligibility before doing so. Those who have received any award already, are not eligible to apply for the same award again. A published research paper can be sent for only one award at a time. Papers already submitted for any award previously but not considered for the same (i.e., not found suitable due to any reason), should not be submitted again for the same award.

6. Nominations for the Search Committee Awards (falling under the purview of the Search Committee) :

As done before, for awards falling under the purview of the Search Committee, nominations are not required from the general membership of the Society. Search Committee will identify names of Life Members for this purpose and will process them. If Search Committee members are desirous of proposing anybody's name for any such award, they should get in touch (without formal nomination or prior nominee's consent) with Dr B L Verma, Committee–Chair (E-mail: blverma49@gmail.com) well in time (i.e. before the last date, set by the ISMS Secretariat for the purpose). Once Committee agrees for a name for any such award, consent from the prospective nominee shall be obtained by the Search Committee – Chair himself.

This year's Search Committee Awards are:

- i) Life Time Achievement Award
- ii) Professor S K Bhattacharya Oration
- iii) Smt. Ramrati Lalima Sahai Award
- iv) Professor P P Talwar Travel Fellowship

Note: *Nominations for Professor A. Indrayan Travel Grant, are not being invited as this year's Annual Conference shall again be as an online event.*

7. Nominations for Professor R N Srivastava Award:

This award is given to an unpublished paper, found best, out of those submitted for the award. Applicants (below 45 years of age), desirous for submitting abstracts of their papers for this purpose, are advised to refer to the rules for this Award (visit <http://www.isms-ind.org> and refer: Fellowship & Awards Rules, PDF File) and submit their entries to the Organizing Secretary of the 2021 Conference, Dr S B Singh, Ranchi(E-mail: ismscon2021@gmail.com) with a copy to the General Secretary of the Society, (E-mail: generalsecretaryisms@gmail.com), well before the last date (for the abstracts submission, set by the Conference Organizer).

8. Proposals for Organizing 2022 Annual National Conference of ISMS :

Proposals are invited for the 40th Annual National Conference of the Society, to be held in the year 2022 (as the actual event, if possible). Such proposals should reach to the undersigned by e-mail, giving all desired details (and clearances, if any) by November 15, 2021. Members submitting such proposals should be available for discussions during forthcoming 39th the Annual National Conference of ISMS, to be held online 9-11 December this year- particularly in the GB meeting (a PPT presentation on institutional facilities available and how they would plan to organize this event, is encouraged).

9. Next Governing Council and General Body Meetings :

This time ISMS Business Meetings shall be held online only. The dates for the Governing Council Meeting and General Body Meeting will be informed in due course. A further communication in this regard, will soon follow.

10. Agenda Items for ISMS Business Meetings - 2021:

Members are requested to send their agenda items for consideration in the forthcoming Governing Council and General Body Meetings, to be held online this time. These agenda – items should reach to the undersigned by e-mail by 30 November 2021.

11. A Plenary Session of 2021 Annual National Conference, to be Dedicated to Late Dr V K Srivastava, Lucknow:

As a mark of our respect, recognition and appreciation to his services and contributions made to this Society, this year's Annual Conference will dedicate a Plenary Session to Late Dr V K Srivastava, Principal – Prasad Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow (UP), and a Presidential Candidate in ISMS in this year & Awardee of Smt. Ramrati Lalima Sahai Award (2020) of ISMS.

Best wishes to all of you

Yours Sincerely



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General Secretary, ISMS