

# Indian Society for Medical Statistics

## ISMS Circular 2020

Dear Members

Dated: 6 October 2020

Greetings from ISMS!!

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

**1. Fate of Current Year's Annual National Conference of the Society, Scheduled at NIMS, New Delhi, 2020 :**

As per our 2019 GB Minutes, Society's 2020 Annual National Conference was to be held at NIMS, New Delhi (Organizing Person : Dr Vishnu Vardhana Rao, Director). However, he has now expressed his inability, in view of Covid19, to fulfil his commitment. The Executive Committee (EC) of ISMS, at this stage, has no other option, except to agree on the NIMS decision for not organizing the Society's Annual Conference this year at their place.

**2. Decision for Organizing the 2020 National Conference of ISMS as an Online Event (Virtual Conference):**

The Society recently sought opinion of Governing council members, and also held close consultation with some of its senior members and Past Presidents of the Society on this issue. The general view of the members has been - due to Covid19 related problems, it will not be appropriate to explore possibility of organizing the actual Conference of the Society for 2020, like the previous years and that, ISMS this time should organize an Online Conference (i.e., a Virtual Conference) before 31 December 2020. Consequently, as per the decision taken recently by the EC, this year's Annual Conference shall be organized as an online event by ISMS. A separate Conference notification shall follow soon from the organising secretariat.

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

Nominations are invited from the members of the Society for the following positions by 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2020. 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 the Chair – ISMS Nominating Committee (E-Mail: [ajitsahai@gmail.com](mailto:ajitsahai@gmail.com) and / or

ajit.sahai@gmail.com) with a copy to the General Secretary - ISMS (E-mail: [generalsecretaryisms@gmail.com](mailto:generalsecretaryisms@gmail.com)) so as to reach the Chair - Nominating Committee as well as to the Office of the Society, before the deadline. Further, a Life Member should give his / her consent for election to only one vacant position in the Council, at a time.

S. no.	Name of the Vacant Positions	No. of the Vacant Positions	Tenure
1.	President – Elect	1	2 years (2021-2022)
2.	Governing Council Member	2	3 years (2021-2023)

#### 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 the Chair, Fellowship Committee (E-mail: [venkaticmr@gmail.com](mailto:venkaticmr@gmail.com)) with a copy to the General Secretary – ISMS (E-mail: [generalsecretaryisms@gmail.com](mailto:generalsecretaryisms@gmail.com)) on or before 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2020.

#### 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 the Chair - Awards Committee (E-mail : [rmpandey@yahoo.com](mailto:rmpandey@yahoo.com)) with a copy to the General Secretary –ISMS (E-mail : [generalsecretaryisms@gmail.com](mailto:generalsecretaryisms@gmail.com)), so as to reach to the Office of the Society well in time (i.e., on or before 31 of October 2020).

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

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

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**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 research paper should 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 Committee-Chair (E-mail: [blverma49@gmail.com](mailto: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.

This year's Search Committee Awards are:

- i) Life Time Achievement Award
- ii) Professor S K Bhattacharya Oration
- iii) Smt. Ramrati Lalima Sahai Award

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**Note:** Nominations for: a) Professor P P Talwar Travel Fellowship (instituted this year only) and b) Professor A. Indrayan Travel Grant, are not being invited as this year's Annual Conference shall be 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 to the General Secretary of the Society, ([generalsecretaryisms@gmail.com](mailto:generalsecretaryisms@gmail.com)) before November 15, 2020.

**8. Proposals for Organizing 2021 Annual National Conference of ISMS :**

Proposals are invited for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of the Society, to be held in the year 2021 (as the actual event). Such proposals should reach to the undersigned by e-mail, giving all desired details (and clearances, if any) by 30 November 2020. Members submitting such proposals should be available for discussions during forthcoming 38<sup>th</sup> the Annual National Conference of ISMS, to be held online in December this year (a PPT on institutional facilities available and how they would plan to organize this event, is encouraged).

**9. Next Governing Council and General Body Meetings Dates:**

This time ISMS Business Meetings shall be held online only. The tentative date 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 - 2020:**

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 2020.

**11. A Plenary Session of 2020 Annual National Conference, to be Dedicated to Late Dr S Radhakrishna:**

As a mark of respect and in our appreciation to his contributions to this Society, this year's Annual Conference will dedicate a Plenary Session to DrS Radhakrishna, the Former President & Life Time Achievement Awardee, of ISMS.

**Thanking you**

**Yours sincerely**

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