

Guidelines for Emeritus Professor Dr. N. Ramadas Award for Best Paper in Nuclear Thyroidology under the auspices of Society of Nuclear Medicine, India

1. The Award shall be called “Dr. N. Ramadas Award for Best Paper in Nuclear Thyroidology”.
2. This award is to be made for the best paper in the field of Nuclear Thyroidology presented on stage in the Annual Conference of SNM (I).
3. The papers to be considered for award shall be on original work in any of the various aspects of Nuclear Thyroidology as listed below:
 - Clinical research work on thyroid diseases using radionuclide techniques like RIA/IRMA. Uptake studies, scanning techniques, etc.
 - Clinical research on management strategies of benign and malignant conditions of thyroid gland using isotopes.
 - Work on newer nuclear medicine tracers, instruments or techniques related to thyroid gland; phantom studies, animal studies or on human beings.
 - Comparative studies between nuclear medicine and other specialties playing a role in the management of thyroid disease. Elisa, Radiology, Pathology etc. in diagnosis and Surgery, Drugs, Immunology etc. in treatment.
 - Basic and fundamental research using experimental animal studies or tissue culture studies on Genetics, Molecular Biology, Sero-Immunology etc. related to thyroid and incorporating Nuclear Medicine as one of the tools in the research.
 - New work on Radiation Dosimetry. Safety and protection for patients, relatives or staff in the practice of high dose therapy for thyroid cancer.
4. Eligibility for consideration of the papers:
 - At least one among the first three authors of the papers should be a bonafide life member of the parent Society of Nuclear Medicine, India.
 - The presenting author need not be a member of the Society but should be a pre-registered delegate for the Conference.
 - The paper should not have been presented or submitted to any other journal or conference.
 - The full manuscript of the paper along with figures, tables etc. should be submitted in the format prescribed by the Indian Journal of Nuclear Medicine and the rights of the awarded paper shall be transferred to IJNM for publication in its subsequent issue.
 - Any financial support or grant from Governmental or non-governmental agency or industrial/trade organizations towards the study should be notified.
5. Screening of Papers contesting for the award
 - The Organizing Secretary of the Conference shall identify an academic expert who is not associated with any of the papers and utilize his/her services to screen the material to decide their suitability for presentation in the award session. The same expert may also serve as one of the judges in the award paper session.
6. Norms for conducting the Award Paper Session:
 - The award session shall be held during the conference with a minimum duration of one hour allocated for the same. The duration may be increased if there are more than 5 papers accepted by the screening committee.
 - Presentation of each paper shall be for 8 minutes followed by 2 minutes for discussion.

7. Judges:

- Any three office bearers of SNM (I) shall jointly decide and prepare a panel of three judges from those available for the conference in consultation with the organizing secretary.
- One of the three office bearers shall act as co-ordinator for the Judges and he/she shall assist them in the smooth conduct of the session. An objective scoring scheme and chart may be prepared and provided to the judges who reserve the right to modify the same in consensus among themselves as the situation warrants. At the end of the session a summarized statement of result is to be jointly prepared by the judges and signed and handed over to the co-ordinator. The winner of the award alone shall be announced by the co-ordinator on the compilation of result.
- While selecting the judges retired or active faculty of leading teaching institutions like AIIMS, RMC, INMAS, SGPGIMS, The Dean of the Indian College of Nuclear Medicine and such others may be considered. Judges should be selected from all parts of the country.
- Any person who is directly or indirectly associated with any of the papers shall not be eligible to serve as judge for the award paper session.
- The judges should have standard criteria for decision making and this criterion should be laid down and not left to the whims and fancies of the judges. Also the criteria should be made known to the contestants. The criteria could be like clinical relevance of paper, mode of presentation by the author, clarity, methodology, response to questions, slides- presentation format etc. Thus the decision making would be objective.

8. Award:

- The award shall comprise a cash price, a citation and a memento.
- The cash price will be for an amount of Rs. 2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand Only) in the form of cheque from SNMI (I).
- The citation will bear the names of the first three authors of the award winning paper and its title.
- A prototype memento shall be prepared at the SNM office bearing the logo of SNMI and the title for the award 'EMERITUS Professor Dr. N. Ramadas Award' for Best Paper on Nuclear Thyrodiology year and venue / town city of the Conference will be added every year and brought to the Conference.
- The award shall be handed over to the winner in the Valedictory Function by the Chief Guest the outgoing President of SNM (I).

Dated 30.09.2002

Sd/-

(Dr. Col J.K. Bhagat)
President, SNM, India

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(Dr. MRA Pillai)
Secretary SNM, India

Note: The EC committee in its meeting held on 09.01.2011 enhanced the amount of cash award from Rs. 2000/- to Rs. 5000/-

Sd/-

(Dr. B.R. Mittal)
President, SNM, India

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(Dr. Ramesh Asopa)
Secretary SNM, India