

**Guidelines for  
"Shakuntala Krishnamurthy Nuclear Hepatology Award"  
under the Auspices of Society of Nuclear Medicine, India**

1. The Award shall be called "**Shakuntala Krishnamurthy Nuclear Hepatology Award**". This award has been instituted by creating a corpus fund from the money contributed by Dr. GT Krishnamurthy, USA.
2. This award is to be made for the best paper in the field of Nuclear Hepatology presented on stage in the Annual Conference of SNM (I). **Two awards, one First and another Second, will be given every year. Submission of a full paper is mandatory for consideration of award. Best papers will be published in the subsequent issue of IJNM.**
3. The papers to be considered for award shall be on original work in any of the various aspects of Nuclear Hepatology
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.
5. Screening of Papers contesting for the award
  - The Scientific Committee of the Conference shall screen the material to decide their suitability for presentation in the award 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, PGIMER, RMC, INMAS, SGPGIMS. The Dean of the Indian College of Nuclear Medicine 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.

8. Award:

- The award shall comprise a cash price, a citation and a memento.
- **The cash price will be for an amount of Rs. 12,000/- (Rupees Twelve Thousand Only) for the first awardee and Rs. 8, 000/- (Rupees Eight Thousand Only) for the second awardee.**
- 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 "**Shakuntala Krishnamurthy Nuclear Hepatology Award**" for Best Paper on Nuclear Hepatology, year and venue of the Conference will be added every year and brought to the Conference.

- The award shall be handed over to the winner during the Valedictory Function by the President of SNM (I).
9. If there are no suitable candidates in any given year, then no award is made that year and interest will accumulate to increase the core amount.

**Dated: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

Sd/-

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

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Secretary, SNM, India

**(Dr. GT Krishnamurthy)**  
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**Note:** Dr. GT Krishnamurthy gave consent to these guidelines via e-mail dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011. He wrote: **Conditions set forth appear good and reasonable.**