

AWARDS

De Bary and GC Ainsworth Medals

General Requirements

- An individual may receive the same IMA Award only once.
- Self-nomination is not allowed.
- Nominators must be members of the IMA.
- Nominees who are not chosen for the prize, may be re-nominated for up to two additional terms (within the year limit linked to the specific award).

Application process:

Next application deadline: 15 January 2018

Documents required (nomination folder should contain):

1. A nominating letter, including a detailed evaluation of the nominee's contributions to Mycology.
2. A current curriculum vitae.

Notes: Awards consists of a certificate. The Committee may choose to make no award in a given year, if it is appropriate. Presentation of the awards will take place at the awards ceremony at the IMC meeting.

Deadlines for the application process:

15 Oct 2017 (9 months in advance of IMC11)

RMMOs are requested to submit applications for the De Bary and GC Ainsworth Medals through prominent notice on the IMA website and emails to the Executive Council members of each of the RMMOs.

The IMA Vice-President (Awards) forms the De Bary and GC Ainsworth Medals Committee from members of the IMA Executive Committee.

15 Jan 2018 (6 months in advance of IMC11)

Nominations for the De Bary and GC Ainsworth Medals are due at the Vice-President (Awards) of the IMA. The Vice President forwards the nominations to the De Bary and GC Ainsworth Medals Committee.

15 Feb 2018 (5 months in advance of IMC11). Winners for the De Bary and GC Ainsworth Medals are determined by the De Bary and GC Ainsworth Awards Committee and the names are forwarded to the IMA Vice-President and President.

Winners for the De Bary and GC Ainsworth medals are notified by the President of the IMA and encouraged to attend IMC11.

IMA Young Mycologist Awards 2018

To honour the accomplishments of those who are the future of our field, the IMA Executive Committee initiated IMA Young Mycologist Awards in 2010. Awards such as the IMA Young Mycologist Awards do more than honour the recipient, they also promote mycology by helping to advance young mycologists. The accomplishments that we celebrate can be no greater than the pool of nominees. We encourage everyone in the IMA to take the time to consider candidates and initiate nominations for the upcoming IMC10. Note, also, that the award includes *free registration to the upcoming IMC!*

Keith A. Seifert

President, International Mycological Association

(keith.seifert@agr.gc.ca)

Protocols for nomination and election

The IMA has established six IMA Young Mycologist Awards to mark outstanding research accomplishment by young mycologists from each of the six IMA Regional Mycological Organizations.

- **Ethel Mary Doidge Medal** - African Regional Mycological Member Organization
- **Keisuke Tubaki Medal** - Asian Regional Mycological Member Organization
- **Daniel McAlpine Medal** - Australasian Regional Mycological Member Organization
- **Elias Magnus Fries Medal** - European Regional Mycological Member Organization
- **Carlos Luis Spegazzini Medal** - Latin American Regional Mycological Member Organization
- **Arthur Henry Reginald Buller Medal** - North American Regional Mycological Member Organization

Eligibility

To be eligible to be nominated for an IMA Young Mycologist Award, a member of the IMA must, at the time of the next International Mycological Congress, be within ten years of his or her PhD degree, e.g. for IMC11 in 2018, a nominee must have received his or her PhD degree no earlier than 2008.

Establishment of Award Regional Committees

The President of each IMA Regional Mycological Member Organization is asked to establish an IMA Young Mycologist Award Regional Committee consisting of at least two members (although the appointment of more members to represent the diversity of mycology in the region is encouraged) and a chair, who will serve from one International Mycological Congress to the next. To ensure a broad pool of nominees, nine months prior to the next International Mycological Congress, this committee will notify the members of the IMA Regional Mycological Member Organization of the award, solicit nominations and vote to select a candidate. To ensure a breadth of experience on the IMA Young Mycologist Award Regional Committee, the chair and members of this committee should be senior mycologists with distinguished records and should represent the diversity of Mycological Member Organizations and Sustaining Mycological Member Organizations from the region. The chair will vote only in the event of a tie vote by the other members.

Responsibilities of the Award Regional Committees

(1) Nine months prior to the next International Mycological Congress and three months prior to the deadline for receiving nominations, members of each IMA Regional Mycological Member Organization shall be notified of the call for nominations for the relevant IMA Young Mycologist Award through the IMA website and the IMA Regional Mycological Member Organization website and through emails sent to delegates from the region who attended the preceding International Mycological Congress.

(2) Nomination of candidates for each IMA Young Mycologist Award shall consist of a letter of nomination, two letters of support from mycologists familiar with the candidate, and a current curriculum vitae of the candidate. Candidates are expected to have contributed appreciably to mycology and they should have achieved international recognition based on several criteria: (a) The quality, innovation, thoroughness, and impact on science of their published research, with consideration given to the contribution of the nominee to multi-authored publications. (b) Service as editors of journals or as officers of societies. (c) Membership on national or international policy committees. (d) Invitations to present research at national or international meetings.

(3) The committee will forward the nomination material for each nominee and the committee's choice for the award to the IMA Young Mycologist Awards Committee convened by the IMA Vice-President no more than one month following the deadline for nominations and no less than five months prior to the next IMC. The IMA Young Mycologist Awards Committee is charged with ratifying the choices made by the IMA Young Mycologist Award Regional Committees. To reiterate, the timeline for the IMA Young Mycologist Awards for IMC 2018 is as follows. The notification to the members of the call for nominations shall be nine months prior to the IMC [15 October 2017], the deadline for receipt of nominations by the IMA Young Mycologist Award Regional Committees shall be six months prior to the IMC [15 January 2018], and the receipt of the IMA Young Mycologist Award Regional Committee's choice by the IMA Young Mycologist Awards Committee shall be five months prior to the IMC [15 February 2018]. In this way, recipients can be notified of their award at least four months prior to the IMC to encourage their attendance at the IMC. Awards shall consist of a certificate and free registration.

Chiharu Nakashima

Vice President: Awards

(chiharu@bio.mie-u.ac.jp)