

## **IMA Young Mycologist Awards**

To honor the accomplishments of those who are future of our field, the IMA Executive Committee has initiated IMA Young Mycologist Awards. Awards such as the IMA Young Mycologist Awards do more than honor 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. Therefore, I encourage everyone in the IMA to take the time to consider candidates and initiate nominations. Note that there will be two sets of IMA Young Mycologist Awards, one for the past IMC9 and another for the upcoming IMC10. Note, also, that the award includes 500 euros.

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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 IMC10 in 2014, a nominee must have received his or her PhD degree no earlier than 2004.

### ***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 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 2014 is as follows.** The notification to the members of the call for nominations shall be nine months prior to the IMC [**November 1, 2013**], the deadline for receipt of nominations by the IMA Young Mycologist Award Regional Committees shall be six months prior to the IMC [**February 1, 2014**], 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 [**March 1, 2014**]. 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.

### ***Presentation of the IMA Young Mycologist Awards***

The IMA Young Mycologist Awards for IMC9 and IMC10 will be presented by the President of the IMA at the Closing Ceremony of the International Mycological Congress. They shall consist of a certificate and 500 euros.

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