IVS AWARDS

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Indian Virological Society

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General Guidelines for the IVS Awards

1. **Types of Awards**
   The IVS Awards are of two categories:

   Awards instituted by the Society from its corpus fund.
   Awards established through specific endowments received for designated purposes.

2. **Nominations**
   Nominations for IVS Awards shall be invited from IVS Members as well as other distinguished virologists. Each nominator may propose a maximum of two candidates, irrespective of whether they are members of IVS.

3. **Recommendations by EC Members**
   Members of the IVS Executive Committee shall not recommend any candidate for awards, except for the two apex awards: Shyama Prasad Raychaudhuri Award and Kameshwar Sahai Bhargava Award.

4. **Apex Awards**
   The Shyama Prasad Raychaudhuri Award and Kameshwar Sahai Bhargava Award shall be conferred based on names proposed and endorsed by the Executive Committee, drawing upon recommendations from eminent national or international personalities. Formal application requirements shall be waived for these prestigious awards.

5. **Eligibility of EC Members**
   Members of the IVS Executive Committee shall not be eligible to receive any IVS Award during their tenure on the Committee.

Shyama Prasad Raychaudhuri Award

Shyama Prasad Raychaudhuri Award has been instituted by the IVS in the name of the Founder President of IVS, Dr Shyama Prasad Raychaudhuri.

i. General Instructions

1. The award consists of a plaque and a certificate.

2. The award will be presented to the recipient at the Annual Meeting of the Society in recognition of his/her contributions to any area of virology.

ii. Presentation of award and delivery of lecture:

The presentation of the award will be made to the recipient after the award lecture. In case the awardee is not able to attend the Annual Meeting, the lecture will be arranged under the aegis of the society at a convenient time and place. TA/DA will be paid to the Awardee for delivering the lecture. The award lecture will be published in the Society's official publication/ journal, Virus Disease.

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Kameshwar Sahai Bhargava Award

The Kameshwar Sahai Bhargava Award has been instituted by the IVS based on the endowment of Rs. 5,00,000.00 contributed by his family, friends and students.

i. General Instructions

1. The award consists of a plaque and a certificate.

2. The award will be presented to the recipient at the Annual Meeting of the Society in recognition of contributions to any area of virology.

ii. Presentation of award and delivery of lecture:

The presentation of the award will be made to each recipient after the award lecture. In case the awardee is not able to attend the Annual Meeting, the lecture will be arranged under the aegis of the society at a convenient time and place. TA/DA will be paid to the awardee for delivering the award lecture. The award lecture will be published in the Society's official publication/ journal, Virus Disease.

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IVS-PGI Oration Award in Medical Virology

The Oration Award in Medical Virology has been instituted by the PGIMER, Chandigarh after the organization of VIROCON-2018.

i. General Instructions

1. The award consists of a plaque and a certificate.
2. The award will be presented to the recipient at the Annual Meeting of the Society in recognition of the contributions made in medical virology.

ii. Presentation of award and delivery of lecture:

The presentation of the award will be made to each recipient after the award lecture. In case the awardee is not able to attend the Annual Meeting, the lecture will be arranged under the aegis of the society at a convenient time and place. TA/DA will be paid to the awardee for delivering the award lecture. The award lecture will be published in the Society's official publication/ journal, Virus Disease.

Nominations are invited from the members in the attached form *(Annexure-I)* so as to reach IVS Secretariat (secretaryivs@gmail.com) by **20th, September 2026.**

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IVS Fellowship

General Instructions

The applicant must be member of the society with at least five years of standing and possess ten years' post-Ph.D. experience with significant contributions in the field of virology, shall be eligible for the election as 'Fellow of the Indian Virological Society'.

Nominations shall be invited from the Fellows of the society. In any particular year, a maximum of Five Fellows may be elected, representing the three major areas of virology (Plant, Animal/Aquatic and Medical Virology).

One IVS Fellow can nominate only two candidates in a year.

The election to the Fellowship shall be effective from the date of signing of the Fellowship Register at the time of annual meeting.

Nominations will be invited for the Fellowship of IVS for the election of new fellows in the attached form (*Annexure-II*) so as to reach IVS Secretariat (secretaryivs@gmail.com) by **20th, September 2026.**

IVS Young Scientist Award

The IVS has instituted IVS Young Scientist Awards to recognize the outstanding research contribution in the field of virology.

i. Eligibility

1. Current member of the IVS.
2. Age limit: Less than 45 years on the December 31 of the year of nomination.

ii. General Instructions

1. The applicants should submit an extended work abstract (at least 100 words) for which they want to be considered for the award.

2. The IVS will select a maximum of 5 abstracts for presentation of the award.

3. The papers would be short-listed by the Awards Screening Committee (constituted before the annual meeting) chaired by one of the Vice-Presidents of IVS.

4. Each contestant will make an oral presentation of the salient findings in 12 minutes followed by discussion for 3 minutes.

5. The award will consist of a cheque of Rs 5,000/- and a certificate of appreciation.

6. Membership number

Interested young members should submit their abstract for the award by **20th, September 2026** to IVS secretariat (secretaryivs@gmail.com). Please also see the guidelines for the award (Annexure-III).

IVS Travel Grant

The IVS has instituted IVS Travel Grant to encourage participation of students/post-docs who are not receiving any Fellowship/Scholarship from any resource. The Travel grant is being borne from the interest of contributions made by the Hon'ble member, Prof. Anupam Varma and National Institute of Virology, Pune, for this purpose.

i. Eligibility

1. The applicant should be a member of IVS for at least one year.
2. He/she should be presenting oral/poster paper during the conference.

ii. Guidelines

1. The application along with the CV and a certificate from the employer/ head mentioning that he/she is not getting any fund for the travel from the institution in the format should be submitted The travel grant includes to-and-fro 3rd AC train fare with shortest route, and accommodation (boarding and lodging). Interested students/post-docs can apply for the grant by **20th, September 2026** to IVS secretariat (secretaryivs@gmail.com) along with their abstracts of participation.

Springer Nature- IVS Best Paper Award

The Springer Nature-IVS Best Paper Award has been instituted by the Springer Nature and IVS to recognize and promote quality contributions to academic research and writing among scholars and students who publish papers in *VirusDisease* journal in four major disciplines of Virology viz Medical, Plant and Veterinary and Aquatic Virology.

General Instructions:

Eligibility: All the papers (except letter to the editor) published in the *VirusDisease* journal between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2024 with the highest number of citations and accesses/downloads till the Dec. 2025, regardless of the status of the first author/authors (scholar, student, educator, policy maker or professional, etc.) are eligible for competition for the Springer Nature-IVS Best Paper Award 2026. The award will be present in the upcoming VIROCON.

*Please note that once a paper has been awarded, it will not be considered again for the same award.

Guidelines:

The Scientific Committee will consider innovation, significance to the research community, scientific impact and technical excellence in each discipline of Virology. Letter to the editor will not be considered.

Each paper will be given a score of 0 – 30 (where 0 is the lowest and 30 is the highest score) against each criterion.

Minimum cutoff may be decided by the jury.

Criteria	Scoring criteria	Score/30
A. Originality (maximum 10 points)	a. Original Article: 10 points; b. Short Communication: 5 points; c. Review Article (including Perspective/commentary review): 05 points	
B. Citation (maximum 10 points)	a. Every 5 citation carries 1 point b. Citation in journals impact factor ≥10 to <20 will be given 1 additional point c. Citation in journals impact factor ≥20 will be given 2 additional points.	
C. *Accesses/Download* (maximum 10 points)	a. Every 100 accesses/ downloads carries 01 point	

Winners Definition:

The paper receiving the highest score by the Scientific Committee members in each discipline of Virology (Medical, Plant and Veterinary and Aquatic Virology) will be awarded as the Springer Nature-IVS Best Paper Award 2026.

The award consists of a signed and stamped official award certificate with the name of the award, the name of the paper, and the names of the authors of the paper; and the letter of Appreciation from Springer Nature. The award will be presented in the upcoming VIROCON to the corresponding author or their official representative.

The announcement of Springer Nature-IVS Best Paper Award will be displayed on IVS website.

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(*Annexure-I*)

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NOMINATION FORM FOR IVS AWARDS

Nominations are invited for

(Please tick the award for which nominated)

A. ☐ **Shyama Prasad Raychaudhuri Award**

B. ☐ **Kameshwar Sahai Bhargava Oration Award**

C. ☐ **Oration Award in Medical Virology**

Nominees'

2. Full Name _____
3. Address _____

_____

4. E-mail _____

5. Telephone: Landline:_____Mobile: _____

6. Academic and Professional Qualifications and positions held.
7. A brief statement of major scientific achievements of the nominee on which the recommendation is based (maximum 250 words).
8. A list of ten most significant research articles of the nominee
9. Awards and recognitions in the field of virology
10. IPRs in the area of expertise
11. IVS Life membership
12. Service to IVS activities (like organizing IVS conference/workshop/seminar/ and service to IVS journal as reviewer/editorial board member/author).

Signature: _____
Proposer's Name: _____
IVS Membership No.: _____
Address : _____
Email: _____
Mobile No.: _____

(***Annexure-II***)

Format for Application for the Fellow of Indian Virological Society

1. Name :
2. Date of Birth :
3. Designation and Address :
4. Educational Qualifications
   (UG, PG, PhD, University Year, Division) :
5. IVS Life membership No. :
   (If yes mention year of registration)

6. Recommendation by a fellow of IVS in maximum 150 words based on personal

Signature of the Fellow

7. Summary of contributions (250 words)

8. Innovation / discovery / concept process / tools developed (To be supported with documents)

9. Leadership in Research / Teaching and science promotion (Research program; Teaching and human resource development; Science organization activities etc.)

10. Publication in peer reviewed journal (Indicate impact factor of each journal; list complete bibliographical description of each paper)

    a. 10 best research papers (include reprints, no review articles) with citations
    b. H-index and i-index (Google scholar/Scopus)
    c. Full List of research paper
    d. Other publications (Books/Book chapters) having ISBN numbers only

11. IVS Life membership
12. Service to IVS activities (like organizing IVS conference/workshop/seminar/ and service to IVS journal as reviewer/editorial board member/author).

Signature of Applicant

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(Annexure-III)

GUIDELINES FOR THE "IVS YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD CONTEST"

The contest is open to all the members of IVS under 45 years of age (45 years of age as on the last day of the year in which the annual meeting is to be held). All those interested in competing for the award should send extended abstracts (not exceeding 100 words) of the research work to the Society latest by the date indicated in the announcement for the annual meeting or in the IVS website. The abstracts of papers will be evaluated by a preliminary screening committee and selected for oral presentation at the annual meeting of VIROCON. The authors should also send the following certificate with the abstract.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It is certified that the paper entitled " ……...…… …..... " selected for IVS Young Scientist Award Contest for the year …… pertains to the major work done by the candidate ..... It is further certified that the work has not been presented for any other award till date and the contestant is below the age of 45 and member of the Society.

Signature of student *Chairman/Advisor/Guide of the student*

Forwarded to Secretary General, IVS

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