

MANI SHANKER SHUKLA GOLD MEDAL IN MICROPALAEONTOLOGY

**(A National Award of the Palaeontological Society of India (P.S.I), Centre of
Advanced Study in Geology, University of Lucknow, Lucknow-226 007)**

PREAMBLE: The Palaeontological Society of India, with the help of benevolent funds provided by Shri Sudhir Shukla, Life Fellow and Executive Member of the Palaeontological Society of India, Lucknow, in the memory of his late father Shri Mani Shanker Shukla, has instituted an award named **Mani Shanker Shukla Gold Medal in Micropalaeontology**. For the purpose of the award of medal, Shri Sudhir Shukla has donated an amount of Rupees Fifty one thousand (Rs. 51,000.00) only to the Palaeontological Society of India, Lucknow. The award shall be given by the PSI to a young person in recognition of his / her outstanding contribution / publication in the field of micropalaeontology, on Indian material during each calendar year.

1. OBJECTIVES:

- A. **Mani Shanker Shukla Gold Medal** is instituted to recognize the outstanding original work / published contribution by a young scientist on Indian material in the field of micropalaeontology.
- B. The **medal along with citation** shall be awarded every year by the PSI, Lucknow.
- C. It shall be open to young palaeontologists / geologists **preferably below 40 years** age from all over the world.

2. DATE OF INSTITUTION : August, 2010

3. DATE OF FIRST AWARD : January, 2011

4. FUND FOR THE MEDAL:

Shri Sudhir Shukla, an alumnus of the Centre of Advanced Study in Geology, University of Lucknow, Life Fellow and Executive Member of the Palaeontological Society of India is presently serving as Deputy General Manager (Geology) in KDMIPE, ONGC, DehraDun and has donated an amount of Rupees Fifty one thousand only (Rs. 51,000.00) to the Palaeontological Society of India, for instituting this award in the memory of his late father Shri Mani Shanker Shukla who was also associated with the department during his study days. This amount shall be invested as fixed deposit in any Nationalized Bank or in Post Office by the Palaeontological Society of India, Lucknow. The award expenditure (Gold medal and a citation) shall be met out only from the interest accrued thereon. Any other expenditure shall not be made out from the basic corpus. The

conferment of the award by the Palaeontological Society of India and the response of the recipient thereon shall be published in the subsequent issues of the Journal of Palaeontological Society of India.

5. REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD:

- A. **Nature of the award:** The award shall consist of a Gold Medal and a citation.
- B. **Purpose:** Recognition of an outstanding contribution / research publication by a young professional in the field of micropalaeontology preferably in every calendar year. The selection shall be made amongst those nominations / applications which shall be received by the due date as notified by the PSI. The main objective of the award is to boost the young scientists for excellence in both the academic as well as applied research in biostratigraphy.
- C. **Nominations:** Names of the candidates for the award may be proposed / forwarded by the Executive Council Members, Fellows of the PSI; Fellows of all Science Academics of India and Heads of the Scientific and Technical Institutions in India. Applications may also be submitted to the PSI by the candidates themselves. The last date for receiving the nominations / applications shall be December, 31st every year. The PSI shall maintain a record of all nominations / applications received every year by the due date.
- D. **Procedure for the Award:** The Palaeontological Society of India shall invite applications / nominations for the award by way of notification, website and e-mail on the prescribed proforma. The evaluation of the work of the applicant / nominee for the award during each calendar year shall be made on the basis of research publication in standard referred journals of International repute including DOI (Digital Object Index No.). The publication in the form of DOI once considered shall not be eligible for reconsideration as a published paper next year. The Advisory Committee constituted by PSI shall recommend a suitable name for the award to the Executive Council after considering all applications / nominations received by the due date. The award of the medal may be withheld by the PSI, if in the opinion of the Advisory Committee; it is found that no sufficiently meritorious candidate is forthcoming that year. In case of joint publications, the medal shall be awarded to the first author and the reference of the publication shall be given in the citation. In all matters of the award, the decision of the Advisory Committee and Palaeontological Society of India shall be final.
- E. **Advisory Committee:** The following Advisory Committee constituted by the Executive Council (EC) of the PSI shall recommend the name of the suitable candidate for the award of Mani Shanker Shukla Gold Medal in Micropalaeontology:

President of the PSI (Ex-Officio):

Member

Secretary of the PSI (Ex-Officio):	Member
Head, Centre of Advanced Study in Geology, L.U. (Ex-Officio):	Member
Donor or his nominee:	Member
Editor, Journal of the PSI (Ex-Officio):	Member

- F. **Presentation:** The Gold Medal and citation shall be awarded every year by an eminent person at the formal presentation ceremony during the Annual General Body Meeting of the PSI.
- G. **Modification to the rules:** Advisory Committee and Executive Council (EC) of the PSI is empowered to make suitable changes (if any) to the rules, without scraping the award or changing the name, objective and constitution for selection of the candidate.