



PSI-SN Bhalla Gold Medal in Micropalaeontology
A National Award of
THE PALAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA
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Objective: The S.N. Bhalla Medal is being instituted by the students and well-wishers of **Prof. S.N. Bhalla, an eminent micropalaeontologist**, who retired from active service from Aligarh Muslim University in June 2002. The Award will be given by the Palaeontological Society of India, Lucknow.

The award has been instituted to honour the Indian nationals in recognition of their contributions to Micropalaeontology and its allied disciplines.

Time of Institution: The award has been instituted since June 2002.

Financial Support: The student fraternity and well-wishers of Prof. Bhalla have raised the funds for instituting this award. The amount has been invested in fixed deposits by the Society and the award expenditure will be met from the interest accrued thereon. The award is to be presented in the form of a citation and a medal.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD

Preamble

1. The award is named as the S.N. Bhalla Medal in Micropalaeontology.
2. The award is given once in two years for outstanding contributions to micropalaeontology.

Nature of the Prize

3. The award will consist of a citation and a medal.

Purpose

4. Recognition of an outstanding work done in Micropalaeontology in India.

Eligibility

5. Any citizen of India engaged in research in any field of Micropalaeontology.
6. The award will be bestowed upon a person who, in the opinion of PSI, has made important and outstanding contributions to Micropalaeontology.
7. The award will be conferred on the basis of contributions made through work done primarily in India.

Nominations

8. Names of the candidates, for the award, may be proposed by Executive Council members, past Presidents and Secretaries of the PSI, Fellows of the PSI, Fellows of all science Academies of the India; Head of the Department of the nominee. The



last date for receiving the nomination will be 31st December. The PSI will maintain a record of all the nominations received. **A candidate once nominated may be considered for the award next time, if otherwise found suitable. However, a candidate can resubmit revised biodata for reconsideration next year. After two attempts, a gap of 2 years will be required for renomination.**

Procedure for the Award

9. The Executive Council of the Palaeontological Society of India will nominate three experts for the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee, after considering all the nominations received, will recommend suitable name for the award to the Executive Council of the Society. The evaluation of the work of nominees, during the last five years, will be made on the basis of research publications in standard refereed journals of international repute

Award of the Prize

10. In awarding the medal, the Executive Council of the PSI will be guided by the recommendations of the Advisory Committee constituted for this purpose.
11. The award of the medal may be withheld by PSI, if, in the opinion of the Advisory Committee or the Executive Council of the PSI, it is found that no sufficiently meritorious candidate is forthcoming that year.

Presentation

12. The name of the recipient will be made public on 1st February by the Secretary of the PSI. The Gold Medal will be awarded by an eminent person at the formal presentation ceremony during M.R. Sahni Memorial Lecture on 1st March. At the ceremony, a suitable citation on the work of the recipient of the award will be read out.
13. In all matters of the award of S.N. Bhalla Medal, the decision of the PSI shall be final.
14. **Modification of the Rules:** Depending upon the circumstances, the Executive Council of the Palaeontological Society of India is empowered to change the rules without scraping the award in totality or changing the name.