

# SHARDA CHANDRA GOLD MEDAL IN PALAEOONTOLOGY

(A National award of the Palaeontological Society of India (PSI),  
Centre of Advanced Study in Geology (CSA), University of Lucknow,  
Lucknow – 226 007)

**PREAMBLE :** The Palaeontological Society of India, with the help of benevolent funds provided by Dr. Anil Chandra, Life Fellow of the Palaeontological Society of India, Lucknow, in the memory of his mother Late Shrimati Sharda Chandra, has instituted an award named **Sharda Chandra Gold Medal in Palaeontology**. For the purpose of the award of medal, Dr. Chandra 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 person in recognition of his / her outstanding publication in the field of Palaeontology on Indian material during each calendar year.

## 1. Objectives :

- A. **Sharda Chandra Gold Medal** is instituted to recognize the original published contribution on Indian material in any field of Palaeontology.
- B. The medal along with a citation shall be awarded every year by the PSI, Lucknow
- C. It shall be open to palaeontologists from all over the world.

2. **DATE OF INSTITUTION :** June 2009

3. **DATE OF FIRST AWARD :** March 2010

## 4. FUND FOR THE MEDAL

Dr. Anil Chandra, an alumnus of the Geology Department, University of Lucknow, Lucknow and Life Member, Fellow & past President (2003 to 2005) of the Palaeobotanical Society, has donated an amount of Rupees fifty one thousand (Rs. 51,000.00) only to the Palaeontological Society of India, Lucknow for instituting this award in the memory of his mother, the Late Shrimati Sharda Chandra. This amount shall be invested as fixed deposit in any Nationalized Bank or in a Post Office by the Palaeontological Society of India, Lucknow. The award expenditure (Gold Medal, a citation and related expenses) 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 one of the issues of the Journal of the Palaeontological Society of India.

## 5. REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD :

- A. **Nature of the prize :** The award shall consist of a Gold Medal and a citation.
- B. **Purpose :** Recognition of an outstanding research publication or DOI in the field of Palaeontology on Indian material in every calendar year. The selection shall be made amongst those nominations/applications which shall be received by the due date as per the notification of the PSI.

### C. Eligibility :

The award shall be bestowed upon a person, who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of palaeontology on Indian material in the opinion of the Advisory Committee constituted by the PSI.

### D. Nominations :

Names of the candidates, for the award, may be proposed / forwarded by the Executive Council Members, past Presidents and Secretaries of the PSI; Fellows of the PSI; Fellows of all Science Academies of India and Heads of the Scientific Institutions in India. Applications may also be submitted to the PSI by the candidates. The last date for receiving the nominations / applications shall be January 31 every year. The PSI shall maintain a record of all nominations / applications received every year by the due date.

### E. 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 Advisory Committee of the PSI shall recommend a suitable name for the award to the Executive Council of the PSI after considering all applications / nominations received by the due date. 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 refereed 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.

**F Award of the Prize :**

1. 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 **Sharda Chandra Gold Medal in Palaeontology** to the PSI :

Secretary of the PSI (Ex-Officio)	Convener
Head, CAS in Geology, LU (Ex-Officio)	Member
Editor of the Journal of the PSI (Ex-Officio)	Member
Donor or his nominee	Member
An eminent palaeontologist nominated by the EC of PSI	Member

2. 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.
3. In case of a joint publication, the medal shall be awarded to the first author and the reference of the publication shall be given in the citation.

**G Presentation:**

1. The name of the recipient shall be made public every year on February 20 by the Secretary of the PSI. The Gold Medal shall be awarded every year by an eminent person at the formal presentation ceremony during the Annual General Body Meeting of the PSI. At the ceremony, a suitable citation on the work of the recipient of the award shall also be read out.
2. In all matters of the award of **Sharda Chandra Gold Medal**, the decision of the Palaeontological Society of India shall be final. However, there shall be no change in the objective of the award.

**F Modification of the Rules :**

The Executive Council (EC) of the PSI is empowered to change the rules without scraping the award in totality or changing the name, objective and constitution of the Advisory Committee for the selection of the candidate.