

DR. D. S. RAJU MEMORIAL PG AWARD FOR BEST PAPER

Sponsors: Dr. D. S. Raju, a brilliant Psychiatrist from Andhra Pradesh, had a luminous and yet a short career. In appreciation of his contributions, the award was sponsored by the IPS SZB.

Award: So far a certificate has been given to the Winner. EC during its Kottayam meet has contemplated about creating a Corpus fund and adding a cash award.

Participants: All PG students in the geographical territory of IPS SZB who satisfy the following qualifications can participate in the Competition:

- First Author should be a PG trainee in Psychiatry from a MCI recognized Institution within the states and union territories under IPS SZB at the time of presenting the paper.
- Previous winners of the Award cannot participate.
- First (Principal) author must present the paper.

Procedure: The paper should be prepared in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The paper should be prepared in accordance with the 'Instructions to Contributors' published in the Indian Journal of Psychological Medicine.
- The paper must be based on research carried out by the authors and must not have been published in any scientific journal or presented in other scientific conferences.
- Authors should accept that the paper will become the property of the IPS SZB for consideration for publication in the IJPM.

The Secretaries of the State branch should send pdf format of the full text of the paper along with pdf format of abstracts to the Chairman, Awards Committee on or before the date fixed by the Executive Council of IPS SZB.

The first author should:

- Declare that the paper is based on their original work and that it has not been published or presented elsewhere.
- Furnish a written consent for the presentation from all Co-authors.

The paper should be forwarded by the honorary general secretary of the IPS State branch with a letter certifying the Post Graduate trainee status of the author and stating that the paper was adjudged the best paper by a P.G. trainee during the annual conference of the IPS state branch. The paper submitted by the P.G. trainee from all the states will be allowed oral (platform) presentation during the annual conference of the IPS SZB.

Selection Process: Chairman would constitute a panel of three judges and furnish them with the papers (minus the first page) and guidelines for assessing the manuscript.

All five papers will be invited for Podium Presentation. During the presentation at IPSOCON, three-floor judges would be evaluating the performance. Scores in manuscript evaluation and of I presentation would be added and t, the highest scorer would be the deserving winner of the Award.

Chairman, Awards Committee, will declare the results during the AGB, and the Cash Award and Certificate will be presented by the President, IPS SZB, during the Valedictory function.