

## **Guidelines for Best Paper Awards Offered by ASSOCIATION OF ANATOMISTS, TAMILNADU**

### **FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

1. Undergraduate student papers will be allotted to different sections viz. Gross Anatomy, Histology, Neuroanatomy, etc., as per the present way of presentations.
2. Best paper among the session will be selected by the chair persons of the session. The best paper award certificate/medal will be given in the next annual conference.

### **FOR PG AND FACULTY CATEGORIES**

1. Only one award for the entire conference presentations. May be one PG award and one Faculty award.
2. Only one presentation per contestant allowed. Presenter must be the first and corresponding author.
3. There shall be a separate award paper session (preferably after inaugural function). If required, it can be extended parallel along with other sessions
4. Contestants must specifically apply for award session by submitting the paper as per the IJAS format at least one month before the conference date.
5. Paper selected for best paper award shall become the property of the association and shall be published in the next issue of the journal. A declaration/undertaking to this effect must be obtained from the contestant at the time of application.
6. Juries for the award session shall be selected from the expert members who are attending the conference. Selection of juries shall be made by organizing committee with consent of association executive committee.
7. Appropriate experts may be selected based on applications by the executive committee meeting scheduled before the conference.
8. There can be 6 to 10 juries to select the best paper from the presentations. The exact number of juries shall be fixed by the executive committee.
9. Each jury will evaluate papers against 100 marks. Thus if the number of juries are 6, each paper will be evaluated against a maximum mark of 600.
10. A minimum mark criterion may also be fixed (i.e. minimum pass mark like 50%). The juries may also declare that none suitable for award, if papers fail to get the minimum pass mark.
11. After the award declaration by the juries, the marks allotted shall be destroyed immediately.
12. There shall be no sub-categories under the award session. All the papers shall be taken together for evaluation.
- 13. Evaluation shall be on strictly laid guidelines. A tentative guideline is as follows**

Originality / novelty	-	20 marks
Relevance to society / significance	-	20 marks
Study design / methodology / adequacy of data	-	20 marks
Quality of data and presentation	-	20 marks
Defence to the questions raised	-	20 marks
14. There shall not be any restriction about affiliation of the juries if there happens to be any contestant from the same institution.
15. The best paper award will be given as a certificate/medal in the next annual conference.
- 16. Those who (PG & Faculty) do not wish to contest for best paper can present their papers in the general sessions as regular presentations without any limit on the number of presentations. Certificate for their presentation with title will be given in the session.**