**Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources**

**c/o ICAR-NBPGR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi - 110 012**

**Dr Harbhajan Singh Memorial Award (2023-2024)**

**(Revised, 2022)**

**General Guidelines**

The enormous outstanding achievements of Late Dr Harbhajan Singh in the field of plant genetic resources are indeed very well-known. He was the most distinguished plant explorer of India and is frequently referred by many as the ‘Indian Vavilov’. He is credited with giving a distinct identity in India to the discipline of plant introduction involving germplasm exploration, collection, evaluation and maintenance. He made outstanding contributions to Indian agriculture especially in the field of vegetable breeding. Dr Singh relentlessly made promising introductions from all over the world and significantly contributed by way of developing prominent high yielding cultivars. He introduced several new plant species and germplasm including new oil yielding species such as soybean, sunflower, low chilling and temperate fruits, peach and apple, West Indian cherry, Chinese gooseberry and a wide range of ornamentals. In 1971, the President of India conferred on him the Padam Shri for his meritorious contributions and the Punjab Agricultural University bestowed on him the degree of Doctor of Science (*Honoris causa*).

With generous contribution made by M/s Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Co., Jalna (Maharashtra), the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources instituted ‘Dr Harbhajan Singh Memorial Award’ in the honour and memory of Late Dr Harbhajan Singh. This prestigious award was instituted with the objective to recognize the life-time contributions of eminent persons who made great impact in the area of plant genetic resources.

**Description of the Award**

* The Award consistsof a cash prize of Rs. 1,50,000, citation and plaque of honour.
* The Award is given biennially.
* ISPGR will meet the travel expenses and provide local hospitality to the Awardee for attending the Award Function.

**Eligibility**

* The award is to be given to an Indian citizen.
* The Award is a life-time achievement award to be given to eminent persons who have made outstanding contributions in the field of plant genetic resources with special reference to India.
* A deceased person will not be considered for the Award. However, the Award may be given posthumously in the event of death of the applicant/ nominee.
* There is no age bar.
* Current members of ISPGR Executive Council (2025-27) are not eligible to apply.

**Procedure for application/nomination**

* Nominations are invited in the prescribed form (attached) from ISPGR Executive Council members, ISPGR Fellows, Vice Chancellors of Universities or Dean of Colleges, Directors/Heads of Institutions, to nominate a suitable candidate. Self-applications shall not be entertained. However, candidates shall be required to give their consent.
* Nomination should be sent in the prescribed form (attached). It may be ensured that application does not exceed 20 printed pages. Any additional information (CV, publications etc.) should be provided as separate file/annexure, as soft copy only.
* Nominations of the proposed candidates work should be sent to :

General Secretary

Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR)

Room # H-204, ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR)

Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012

Email: ispgr2015@gmail.com

* One hard copy and one soft copy of nomination form are required to be submitted.
* Nomination will be valid only for the biennium for which applied.
* Nomination received after the due date will not be considered.

**Selection Procedure**

* Selection of the Awardee will be made by a committee of eminent experts constituted by the Executive Council of Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources.
* The Selection Committee will critically examine the information provided in the application/nomination form including the significant contributions made and publications brought out by the candidate.
* The recommendations of the Selection Committee will be perused and considered by the Executive Council.
* The Executive Council will take a final decision for the selection of Awardee.
* The deliberations relating to final selection will not be revealed and made public.
* The selection made by the Executive Council will be deemed final and no protest against the selection will be entertained by the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources.

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**Nomination form for**

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| **Dr Harbhajan Singh Memorial Award (2023-2024)** |

Name of Candidate Proposed for Award

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(Name and Affiliation)

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(Name, Affiliation, Email and Mobile no.)

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Insert recent colour photo of candidate

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**BIODATA OF NOMINEE**

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|  | Date of Birth  (age as on last date of application) |  |
|  | Nationality |  |
|  | Field of specialization |  |
|  | Present Position/ Designation  (last post held, if retired) |  |
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|  | (b) Residential Address |  |
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1. **Academic and Professional Record**
2. **Post Graduate Degree onwards** (MSc/PhD/Post-Doc/DSc/Other)

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1. **Employment record** (reverse chronological order)

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**2. Significant Achievements of the Applicant/Nominee**

**Research achievements/services rendered in relation to PGR**

Germplasm exploration and collection, introduction, exchange, plant quarantine, characterization, evaluation, conservation, utilization, documentation, taxonomy, DNA fingerprinting and other related activities such as policy etc.

Development of varieties/databases/apps/softwares/web resources/products; award of patent/copyright/plant variety registration/trademark etc. relevant to PGR management

Unique genetic stocks/germplasm registered; Development of new products/protocols/concepts; Guidelines/SOPs developed for PGR management, innovative work for furthering PGR e.g. new facility development, awareness generation/extension activities/ promoting grassroot level participation, farmers/ tribal communities to maintain and sustain valuable diversity etc.

*Please provide suitable reference(s), to substantiate the claims in the form of paper/book/manual citation, certificate, letters of appreciation, news items, website etc.*

**3.** **Publications**

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| 1. **Research Papers**   List below research publications in the descending order of Journals of impact and high standing (as identified by the NAAS): indicating name of author(s), year, title, name of journal, volume no. and page nos. or doi. Indicate your name with **bold font**, and underline name of corresponding author.  *List of Journals identified by the Academy and their assigned weightage is available on Academy web site* [*http://www.naasindia.org*](http://www.naasindia.org) |

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| 1. **Papers published Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources**   Indicate your name with **bold font**, and underline name of corresponding author  *Papers listed here should not be already listed in section 3(b)* | | For Office Use |
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**4. Awards & Honors**

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| (d) Date of becoming ISPGR Member (receipt no, if available) |  |  |

**5. Any other Achievement/Accomplishments not captured above**

1. **Summary Statement of Overall Achievements**

A concise statement (about 250 words) highlighting the most important contributions and special attainments of the applicant/nominee and their impact on advancement of plant genetic resources management/science/policy.

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1. **Declaration**

I have no objection for considering my candidature for the **Dr Harbhajan Singh Memorial Award (2023-2024)** of ISPGR. I certify that no vigilance/ disciplinary proceedings are pending against me and the information given above is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Place:

Date: Signature of the Applicant

(Name: )

Signature of the Person Nominating

(Name: )