



Nominations Invited

## **11<sup>th</sup> Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award for Leadership in Agriculture**

The Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) has instituted an Award in honour of leading Indian Agricultural Scientist, Dr. M.S. Swaminathan. This prestigious Award is named as "Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award for Leadership in Agriculture" and is given annually to a scientist for his/her outstanding life time contributions in agriculture as demonstrated by an impact of his/her work on overall agricultural growth in India and at the global level. The first recipient of the Award was Nobel Laureate Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, and it was given by Ex-President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in March, 2005. The Second Award was presented to another distinguished scientist and World Food Laureate, Dr. G.S. Khush, by the then Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, during the International Rice Congress held in New Delhi in October, 2006. The other recipients of the Award were: Dr. S.K. Vasal, a distinguished scientist in the field of Quality Protein Maize (QPM) and also World Food laureate; Dr. Rattan Lal, a renowned Soil Scientist and Director of Carbon Management and Sequestration Center at Ohio State University; Dr. Sanjay Rajaram, an Eminent Wheat Breeder and also a World Food Laureate; Dr. M.C. Saxena, former Assistant Director General, ICARDA, and a leading agronomist; Dr. William D. Dar, former Director General, International Crop Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT); Dr. Thomas Lumpkin, former Director General, CIMMYT, Mexico; Dr. (Ms.) Uma Lele, former Senior Advisor, World Bank. Recently, on 13th February, 2019, this award was conferred on Dr. John Dixon, former Senior Advisor, ACIAR, Australia by Dr. Ismail Serageldin, Founder President, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt and former Chairman, CGIAR.

TAAS takes this opportunity to seek nominations of eminent persons for the 11<sup>th</sup> Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award, latest by 30 June 2019 in the prescribed proforma (attached) either by email or hard copy to be mailed. You are also requested to circulate it widely through your network.

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## Award Guidelines

The enormous achievements of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan towards agricultural renaissance of India are indeed well known world wide. He has been the main architect of "*Green Revolution*". A great visionary and crusader, Prof. Swaminathan is currently a staunch advocate of sustainable agriculture as well as "*Ever Green Revolution*", needed for ensuring future household food and nutritional security. In recognition of his outstanding contributions, he was awarded the first World Food Prize, the Ramon Magsasay Award and many other national and international honors. He was acclaimed by the Time Magazine as one of the twenty most influential Asians of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, one of the three from India – the other two being Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore.

The Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) has instituted an Award in the honor of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan. The prestigious Award was instituted in 2004 with the objective to recognize life time contributions of eminent persons who have made great impact in the field of agriculture globally, and for overall food security and sustainability of agriculture in India.

### Description of the Award

- The Award consists of a plaque of honour, citation, shawl and memento, besides expenses towards travel and local hospitality.
- The Award will be given annually.
- The Awardee shall deliver a Special Lecture during the Award Function. The Lecture shall be printed and circulated widely.
- The Trust will meet the travel expenses and provide local hospitality to the Awardee for attending the Award function.

### Eligibility

- The Award is a lifetime achievement award to be given to persons who have made outstanding contributions to agricultural research and development (with special reference to India) irrespective of his/her nationality.
- A deceased person will not be considered for the Award. However, the Award may be given posthumously in the event of the nominee's death after the Board of Trustees announces the name of the Awardee.

### Nominations

- Nominations can be made by Eminent Persons/ Fellows of Academies/Heads of Institutions/Universities, having full knowledge of the contributions of the nominee.
- Nomination accompanied by curriculum vitae, statement of achievements (2,500 words), statement of impact (1,000 words) and citation (200 words) should be sent to the Chairman, TAAS.
- The nomination should accompany a letter from the nominator and letters from two persons proposing to second the nomination.

- Nominations shall remain valid for two years for consideration.
- Self nomination will not be accepted.

### **Selection Procedure**

- Selection of the Awardee shall be made by a committee of experts, constituted by the Board of Trustees of the TAAS. The experts shall comprise past Awardees, renowned scientists and eminent personalities, including members of the Board of Trustees.
- The selection committee shall critically examine the information provided by the nominators and may also obtain views of some other experts who are knowledgeable regarding contributions of the nominee under consideration.
- Recommendations of the selection committee shall be considered by the Board of Trustees for selecting the Awardee.

### **Final Selection**

- The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for the final selection of Awardees.
- The deliberations relating to final selections shall not be made public or otherwise revealed.
- Any selection made by the Board of Trustees shall be deemed final. No protest against any Award shall be entertained by TAAS.

## NOMINATION FORM

<b>NOMINEE INFORMATION</b>	
Nominee's Name	
Citizenship	
Current Position	
Address	
Telephone	
Mobile	
Email	
<b>CURRICULUM VITAE (including names of three referees)</b>	
<b>STATEMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS (2,500 words)</b>	
<b>STATEMENT OF IMPACT (1,000 words)</b>	
<b>CITATION (200 Words)</b>	
<b>Signature of Nominee</b>	
<b>NOMINATOR INFORMATION</b>	
Name	
Title	
Address	
Telephone	
Mobile	
Email	
<b>Signature of Nominator</b>	