



Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS)

Announcement

Nominations are invited for 13th Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award for Leadership in Agriculture

The Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) has instituted an Award in the honor of leading Indian Agricultural Scientist, Prof. 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 the impact of his/her work on overall agricultural growth at the global level, with special reference to India.

The first recipient of the Award was Nobel Laureate Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, and it was given by the Former Hon’ble 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 Former Hon’ble Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, during the International Rice Congress held in New Delhi in October, 2006. The other recipients of the Award are: 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 and a World Food Laureate; 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; Dr. John Dixon, former Senior Advisor, ACIAR, Australia; Dr Shenggen Fan, former Director General, IFPRI; and Dr. Adel El-Beltagy, former Director General, ICARDA. Further details of previous awards and citations of awardees are available on the weblink <https://www.taas.in/what-we-do-award.html>.

TAAS takes this opportunity to seek nominations of eminent persons for the 13th Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award, latest by 31 January, 2022 in the prescribed proforma available at weblink <https://www.taas.in/documents/mssa-nomination-form.docx>, either by email or hard copy through registered post/courier. The guidelines for submitting nominations are available at weblink <https://www.taas.in/documents/mssa-guidelines.pdf>.

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