

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF A COTTON RESEARCHER

ICAC Researcher of the Year

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The International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) started an annual award “ICAC Cotton Researcher of the Year” in 2009. The award signifies international recognition of exceptional achievements of a researcher to cotton in general and farmers in particular. The ICAC awards the winner with a shield, an honorarium of US\$1,000.00, a certificate, and the title “ICAC Cotton Researcher of the Year.” The selected researcher is invited to make a special presentation at the Plenary Meeting of the ICAC. If the recipient is unable to attend the plenary meeting, the shield, honorarium and certificate are mailed.

Who Can Apply?

Researchers from universities and public sector research organizations can apply for the award directly, through their heads of institutions, or nominated by a colleague. Researchers from all disciplines of cotton production research including ginning, fiber quality and textile research are eligible for the award. Researchers from the ICAC member countries are only eligible for the award.

Selection Process?

A team of five judges headed by an internationally recognized university professor handles the evaluation process. The judges are anonymous to the ICAC and changed every two years. Applications go directly to the panel of judges.

When and How to Apply?

Every year applications are invited from February 1 to March 31. The winner is announced on May 1. Researchers can apply for the “ICAC Researcher of the Year, 2012 until March 31, 2012. All information about the program, including where and how to apply, is available on the ICAC web page at <http://icac.org/technical-information/researcher-of-the-year>. Applications should only be sent to nominations2012@icac.org. The 2012 winner will be invited to make a special presentation on his/her vision for cotton at the 71st Plenary Meeting of the ICAC to be held in Interlaken, Switzerland from October 8-11, 2012.

Previous Winners

Dr. Keshav Raj Kranthi, India	2009	Entomologist
Dr. Freddie Marshall Bourland, USA	2010	Breeder
Dr. Sukumar Saha, USA	2011	Biotechnologist

Researchers are encouraged to apply for the program before April 1, 2012.