

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF HYPERTENSION**  
**AWARDS AND PRIZES REGULATIONS**

By Article 31 of the Constitution of the International Society of Hypertension (the 'Society') the Council have determined to make the following terms and conditions on which nominations for awards and prizes will be accepted and the basis on which awards and prizes will be granted (the 'Awards and Prizes Regulations').

These Awards and Prizes Regulations shall replace all previous Awards and Prizes Regulations and shall take effect on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024.



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Signed for and on behalf of the Council by ISH President Professor Bryan Williams (authorised signatory)

**1. Annual or Biennial Awards and Prizes**

- 1.1 The Society will make a number of awards and prizes on an annual or biennial basis subject to the availability of funds and receipt of eligible nominations.
- 1.2 ISH committees and groups might propose awards for Society events, based on the prior approval of the ISH Awards, Executive and Finance Committees.

**Awards based on nominations to be presented at the time of the ISH Biennial Scientific Meetings**

**2. ISH Franz Volhard Award and Lectureship for Outstanding Research**

- 2.1 This award and lectureship was originally endowed by Farbwerke Hoechst in 1972 to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Franz Volhard. The ISH currently sponsors this Award.
- 2.2 The award shall be made to a person or persons who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee of the Society, shall have initiated in the field of hypertension or in a related discipline, a concept which remains of current interest.
- 2.3 The recipient shall be invited to deliver to the Society a lecture at the Biennial Scientific Meeting on the topic for which the award is bestowed. Award nominators must clearly state the concept that the nominee has initiated which remains of current interest and provide supporting evidence.

### **3. ISH Robert Tigerstedt Lifetime Achievement Award**

- 3.1** This award was originally endowed by Merck Sharp & Dohme International in 1974. The ISH currently sponsors this Award.
- 3.2** The award shall be presented on the recommendation of the Awards Committee of the Society to a person, persons or institution responsible for distinguished work relating to the aetiology, epidemiology, pathology or treatment of high blood pressure.
- 3.3** The achievements of the recipient should reflect distinguished contributions in research, teaching or clinical activities and successful mentorship of younger colleagues.

### **4. ISH Developing World Award**

- 4.1** This award is for (1) a researcher based in the developing world (resource poor countries, zones and territories defined by Research4Life) who has done outstanding work in the region or for (2) a researcher who has contributed their life's work to a country classified as Research4Life even though they are based in a non-Research4Life listed country.

### **5. ISH Paul Korner Award**

- 5.1** This award was endowed, and continues to be funded, by the High Blood Pressure Research Foundation of Australia in 2013 to honour the late Paul Korner (internationally renowned expert in the field of hypertension with a special interest in the neuroscience of blood pressure).
- 5.2** The award shall be presented to a person who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to research on hypertension in the broad field of neuroscience.

### **6. ISH Honorary Fellow Awards**

- 6.1** Individuals who have not been Members (formerly known as Professional Members) of the Society but have made extraordinary contributions to the Society or the field of hypertension, in providing long and continuous support of research or of the other activities of the Society, may be nominated to be Honorary Fellows.

### **7. ISH Distinguished Fellow Awards**

- 7.1** Members who have given outstanding service to the ISH and have made unusually distinguished contributions to experimental and clinical research in hypertension may be nominated to be Distinguished Fellows of the Society.

## **8. ISH Outstanding Woman in Hypertension Research Awards**

- 8.1** Two Outstanding Woman in Hypertension Research Awards will be offered - one to a researcher in a mid-career position and one to a senior researcher – to recognise, encourage and inspire women in science and medicine in the field of hypertension and related cardiovascular diseases.
- 8.2** Senior women researchers who have given outstanding service to the ISH and / or made exceptionally distinguished contributions to experimental and / or clinical research in hypertension may be nominated to receive an Outstanding Woman in Hypertension Research Award.
- 8.3** The Outstanding Woman in Hypertension Award for a woman in a mid-career position will recognise a woman researcher who is 35-45 years of age or 10 full years after postgraduate qualifications who has given outstanding service to the ISH and / or made exceptional contributions to experimental and / or clinical research in hypertension.

## **9. Eligibility of Awardees**

- 9.1** Nominations will only be accepted for ISH members, with the exception of the ISH Paul Korner and ISH Honorary Fellow Awards.
- 9.2** Nominations for previous winners of ISH awards (detailed in points 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 of this document) but might be considered if there is an outstanding independent case for that individual and at the discretion of the ISH Awards Committee.
- 9.3** Current ISH Council members, Awards Committee members, committee and group chairs will not be eligible to receive awards. Members of Committees other than those mentioned above will be eligible to receive awards at the discretion of the ISH Awards Committee.
- 9.4** Award recipients will normally be required to accept awards in person during the ISH Biennial Scientific Meetings. If the meeting is held in a virtual or hybrid format, remote acceptance of the award and delivering of award lectures (where appropriate) may be acceptable subject to the approval of the ISH Awards Committee.

## **10. How to make a nomination**

To nominate an individual, the following information should be provided in writing:

- 10.1** A completed nomination form that will include the information below.
  - Who is nominated (self-nomination is not acceptable)
  - For which award is the nomination
  - Justification for nomination
  - Name and affiliation of primary and secondary sponsors who are both members of the ISH

- Confirmation that the nominee has agreed to be nominated
- 10.2** Supporting documentation demonstrating nominee's eligibility.
  - 10.3** A copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae – to be submitted electronically to the Chair of the ISH Awards Committee.
  - 10.4** Those making award nominations must be ISH Members who are in good standing and have paid their membership dues.
  - 10.5** All communication should be addressed to the Chair of the ISH Awards Committee. Email: [secretariat@ish-world.com](mailto:secretariat@ish-world.com)

### **Awards based on abstract submissions for the ISH Biennial Scientific Meetings**

#### **11. ISH New Investigator Oral and Poster Presentation Awards**

- 11.1** These awards were established in 2012 to encourage new investigators and recognise excellence in scientific contribution and are administered by the Awards Committee, with input from the New Investigator Committee.
- 11.2** They will be awarded at the Biennial Scientific Meetings of the Society to new investigators judged from a group of finalists to have given the best oral and poster presentations at the Biennial Scientific Meetings of the Society.
- 11.3** The finalists will be selected from among eligible presenters on the basis of scores of their abstracts allocated to oral and poster presentation sessions.
- 11.4** The presenters must be new investigators undertaking a research higher degree or within ten years of graduation with a doctoral or equivalent qualification.
- 11.5** The finalists must provide evidence of their research higher degree student status, or the date of their graduation in advance of the Biennial Scientific Meetings.
- 11.6** The winners will be selected by the Awards Committee, or their representative(s), in an open competition during the Biennial Scientific Meetings.

### **Awards based on applications from individual Members**

#### **12. ISH Fellow (ISHF)**

- 12.1** ISHF is a symbol of excellence. The election as a Fellow of the ISH recognises and honours members of the Society who have distinguished themselves through excellence in clinical practice or research in the field of hypertension. The designation of ISH Fellow is an honour and shall remain valid for the duration of active ISH membership.

- 12.2** ISHF is open to physicians, scientists, nurses and other healthcare professionals with a major and productive interest in hypertension.
- 12.3** Must be an active ISH Member at the time the application is submitted and have been an ISH Member for a minimum of 2 years.
- 12.4** Membership dues must be up to date at the time the application is submitted.
- 12.5** Candidates must be able to meet at least 3 of the 6 of the following criteria:
- Show outstanding contributions in basic, clinical or epidemiological hypertension research
  - Demonstrated ISH or National Hypertension Society Service: Active, voluntary participation on ISH or National Hypertension committees, boards and Task Forces
  - Independent Grant Support/Funding: Serve as Principal Investigator of peer-reviewed research supported by a nationally recognised agency
  - Publications: Demonstration of consistent scholarly production in the form of peer-reviewed scientific journal articles
  - Administration: Serve in a leadership position in academia, industry, or government
  - Public Service/Advocacy: Provide unpaid service in hypertension to the community (i.e. research grant peer review panel, abstract grading, May Measurement Month Country Leader, ISH Regional Advisory Group activities, teaching seminars, etc.)
  - Mentorship: Demonstrated history of mentoring
- 12.6** Applications are reviewed by the ISH Awards Committee and a slide containing the names of candidates that meet the criteria is presented to the Executive Council every two years in advance of the ISH Biennial Scientific Meeting.