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## **BEST PAPER PUBLICATION AWARD IN IJCH**

### **Best Paper published ANNUALLY in Indian Journal of Community Health**

Indian journal of community Health has instituted award for best original articles published during the previous calendar year. Research papers will be reviewed for technical depth and significance of the research contribution, potential impact on theory and practice, and quality of presentation.

The published papers in a calendar year will be judged by a Jury of 3-4 eminent persons from Editorial board of IJCH against a set of pre-decided criteria and given a score. Score of the Jury members will be averaged out to get a Final Score for each paper.

#### **AWARD CRITERIA:**

The criteria which will be used for selecting the best paper published in a year are – **(Total marks = 10)**

- Public health relevance and implications - **(2 marks)**
- Originality & Innovation - **(2 Marks)**
- Technical excellence (Rationale, objectives, methodology, study design and findings) is typically the most important criteria & clarity of content shall be considered - **(4 Marks)**
- Significance to the research community and its impact - **(1 Mark)**
- High citation factor - **(1 mark)**

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- All papers published in IJCH in the year starting from 1<sup>st</sup> July- 30<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **OTHER CRITERIA:**

- The authors do not have to apply for the award separately.
- All published articles will be scrutinized for the prize.
- Awardee should preferably be a fellow/member of IAPSM; non-fellows/non-members can also be considered for the award if the original work is outstanding.
- Awardees should plan to receive the award at the upcoming annual IAPSMCON-UPUK.
- If no suitable candidate is found, the Award will not be given in that year.
- Best paper award announcement date - by 31<sup>st</sup> August every year.
- Jury's (Editorial Board) decision will be final and binding.
- The Awardees will be awarded a Certificate of appreciation and memento. These will be presented to the First Author during the Inaugural function of the annual IAPSMCON-UPUK

**These criterions were finalised by the Editorial Board of IJCH and approved by the Governing and General Body of IAPSM UPUK during the conference held at Agra in 2014.**



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