

APWSS AWARDS – RULES (August 2023)

This document provides the Rules and Processes that must be followed by the APWSS Executive concerning the following Awards recognized by the Society's New Constitution, which was adopted in 2017:

1. APWSS Lifetime Achievement Awards
 2. APWSS Special Recognition Awards
 3. APWSS Young Scientist Award
 4. APWSS Conference – Best Oral Presentation Award
 5. APWSS Conference – Best Poster Paper Award
 6. APWSS Young Weed Scientist/Weed Science Students – Travel Grant Awards
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1. APWSS Lifetime Achievement Awards

- a. **Number of Awards:** Up to three awards only to be given at each Conference.
- b. **Title:** Outstanding contribution to Weed Science research, education and extension: Contributions made to strengthening APWSS and Weed Science in the Asian-Pacific region
- c. **Requirements:** Work within the geographical scope of the Asian-Pacific region, support activities of the APWSS, and significant research and extension contribution to Weed Science in the Asian-Pacific region in particular.
- d. **Selection Criteria:**
 - i. An existing Life Member of APWSS.
 - ii. Exemplary accomplishments in the field of Weed Science research, education and extension in the Asian-Pacific region, over 25 or more years.
 - iii. Promoted, supported, and facilitated Weed Science activities in the Asian-Pacific region.
 - iv. Promoted membership to, and awareness of, the APWSS.
 - v. Help strengthen regional weed science societies in the Asian-Pacific region.
 - vi. Publications in quality Journals and Books on aspects of Weed Science and weed management in the Asian-Pacific region.
 - vii. Active involvement in APWSS conferences/activities in terms of organization, participation and publicity.
 - viii. Executive position held in APWSS and any other weed science society.
 - ix. Awards received earlier from another scientific organisation in recognition of contributions to scientific endeavours.

e. Acknowledgement:

- x. Presented with a certificate and plaque at an open event at the biennial Conference.
- xi. Listed with a photograph on the APWSS website (www.apwss.org.in).

f. Selection Process:

- xii. The opportunity will be advertised on the APWSS website and a notification sent out by the General Secretary to country representatives for their circulation. Notification must occur at least 3 months before the APWSS conference at which the award will be presented.
- xiii. Nomination can be by self-nomination or by an APWSS member or Country Committee nomination.
- xiv. The requirement is to submit a statement addressing the selection criteria, a research-orientated comprehensive CV, and two letters of support either from two APWSS Life Members or from other eminent, internationally-recognized Weed Scientists.
- xv. Submissions/nominations are to be submitted to the chairperson of the awards committee (a committee to be appointed by the APWSS Executive) as they come in, or 8 weeks before the biennial conference. A decision is due at least 4 weeks before the Conference.
- xvi. Awards committee to rank and shortlist three nominees to the Executive for final ranking (based on Credit Points, CP, as shown in **Table: 1**) 3-4 weeks before the conference. (This clause will apply if there are more than three nominees).
- xvii. Even if there is a single nominee, the process of assessment should take place.
- xviii. If any members of the awards or executive committee are among the final list of candidates, they will need to exclude themselves from voting.

Table: 1 APWSS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

	Name of Applicant	Academic Qualifications (10 Credit points)	Outstanding contribution to Weed Science in the APWSS region (50 CP)	Position (Executive etc.) held in any Scientific society/ organization (5 CP)	Awards/ Scholarships/ Fellowships/ Recognition (10 CP)	Publications/ Books/ Proceedings edited (10 CP)	Holding a Leadership position (Weed Science or related) (5 CP)	APWSS Conferences organized/ attended (5 CP)	International exposure/ Keynote/ Plenary speaker or Session Chair (5 CP)	Total credit points /100
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2. APWSS Special Recognition Awards

- g. **Number of Awards:** Up to **three** awards only to be given at each Conference.
- h. **Title:** Outstanding and specific contributions made to strengthening the APWSS and Weed Science in the Asian-Pacific region
- i. **Requirements:** Work within the geographical scope of the Asian-Pacific region, support activities of the APWSS, and significant research, education and extension contributions to Weed Science in the APWSS region in particular.
- j. **Selection Criteria:**
 - i. An existing Life Member of APWSS.
 - ii. Exemplary, specific contributions and accomplishments in the field of Weed Science research, education and extension in the APWSS region. In achieving the Society's Objectives. This should consider:
 - 1. Teamwork in achieving and delivering a specific Society objective.
 - 2. Innovation and Self-motivation to achieve tasks assigned or of significant interest to the Society's objectives.
 - 3. Outcome-oriented Productivity.
 - 4. Leadership.
 - 5. Excellence in delivering a specific Society objective.
 - iii. Promoted, supported, and facilitated Weed Science activities in the Asian-Pacific region.
 - iv. Promoted membership and awareness of the APWSS, helping to strengthen regional weed science societies in the APWSS region.
 - v. Publications in quality Journals and Books on aspects of Weed Science and weed management in the Asian-Pacific region.
 - vi. Active involvement in APWSS conferences/activities in terms of organization, participation, organisation and publicity.
 - vii. Executive position held in APWSS and any other weed science society.
- k. **Acknowledgement:**
 - i. Presented with a certificate and plaque at an open event at the biennial Conference.
 - ii. Listed with a photograph on the APWSS website (www.apwss.org.in).
- l. **Selection Process:**
 - i. The opportunity will be advertised on the APWSS website and a notification sent out by the General Secretary to country representatives for their circulation. Notification must occur at least 3 months before the APWSS conference at which the award will be presented.
 - ii. Nomination can be by self-nomination or by an APWSS member or Country Committee nomination.

- iii. The requirement is to submit a statement addressing the selection criteria, a research-orientated comprehensive CV, and one letter of support from an APWSS Life Member.
- iv. Submissions/nominations are to be submitted to the chairperson of the awards committee (a committee to be appointed by the APWSS Executive) as they come in, or 8 weeks before the biennial conference. A decision is due at least 4 weeks before the Conference.
- v. Awards committee to rank and shortlist three nominees to the Executive for final ranking (based on Credit Points, CP, as shown in **Table: 2**). (This clause will apply if there are more than three nominees).
- vi. Even if there is a single nominee, the process of assessment should take place.
- vii. If any members of the awards or executive committee are among the final list of candidates, they will need to exclude themselves from voting.

Table: 2 APWSS SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

	Name of Applicant	Academic Qualifications (10 Credit points)	Outstanding and Specific contribution to Promoting APWSS in the Asian-Pacific region (50 CP)	Awards/ Scholarships/ Fellowships/ Peer Recognition (10 CP)	Publications/ Books/ Proceedings in Weed Science Authored or Edited (10 CP)	Holding a Leadership position (Weed Science or related) (5 CP)	APWSS Conferences organized/ attended (10 CP)	International exposure/ Keynote/ Plenary speaker or Session Chair (5 CP)	Total credit points /100
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3									

3. APWSS Young Scientist Award

- a. **Number of Awards:** One award only at each conference
- b. **Title:** Performance in Weed Science research, education and extension and service: Contributions to APWSS and Weed Science and weed management
- c. **Requirements:** Work within the geographical scope of the Asian-Pacific region, support activities of the APWSS, and Weed Science research on weeds and weed management in the Asian-Pacific region.
- d. **Selection Criteria:**
 - i. Accomplishments in the field of weed science over an early career (> 5 years).
 - ii. Promoted, supported, or facilitated weed science research activities in the Asian-Pacific region.

- iii. Help strengthen regional weed science societies in the Asian-Pacific region.
- iv. Under the age of 35 years at the time of the conference.

e. Acknowledgement:

- i. Presented with certificate and plaque at an open event at the biennial conference.
- ii. Listed with a photograph on the APWSS website (www.apwss.org.in).

Selection Process:

- i. The opportunity will be advertised on the APWSS website and a notification sent out by the General Secretary to country representatives for their circulation. Notification must occur at least 3 months before the APWSS conference at which the award will be presented.
- ii. Nomination can be by self-nomination or by any APWSS member or Country committee.
- iii. The requirement is to submit a statement/letter addressing ‘indicators’, a research-orientated CV and at least one letter of support from a Society Life member from the Asia-Pacific region or the Country Committee.
- iv. Submissions are to come to the General Secretary and circulated to the Awards committee (a committee to be appointed by the APWSS Executive) as they come in or 4 weeks before the biennial conference is to take place.
- v. The Awards Committee shall shortlist three nominees (based on credit points as in **Table: 3**) for the Executive Committee to reach a consensus on the final ranking and selection of the winner, 3 weeks before the conference.
- vi. If any members of the awards or executive committee are among the final list of candidates, they will need to exclude themselves from voting.

Table: 3 APWSS YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

	Name of Applicant	Academic Qualifications (15 Credit points)	The growing contribution to Weed Science in the Asian-Pacific region (50 CP)	Position (Executive etc.) held in any Scientific society/ organization (5 CP)	Awards/ Scholarships/ Fellowships/ Recognition (5 CP)	Publications/ Articles/ Books/ Proceedings edited/ Extension Bulletins etc. (5 CP)	APWSS Conferences organized/ attended (5 CP)	Other Weed Conferences Symposia, Workshops, Training Courses organized/ attended (10 CP)	International exposure/ Keynote/ Plenary speaker or Session Chair (5 CP)	Total credit points /100
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2										
3										

4. APWSS Conference - Best Oral Presentation Award

- a. **Number of Awards:** One award (best paper) and runner-up (second best paper) made at each Conference.
- b. **Title:** Best oral presentation at the biennial conference of APWSS (state the full Title of the Conference)
- c. **Requirements:** The presentation needs to be based on the work carried out within the geographical area of the Asian-Pacific region and be on a topic of Asian-Pacific relevance.
- d. **Selection Criteria:**
 - i. The scientific quality, in terms of relevance, quality and weed science strengthening.
 - ii. Presentation completion in the allocated time slot.
 - iii. Clarity of presentation with clear conclusions with quality and care in the use of PowerPoint images and presentation.
 - iv. Potential current and future impact of the work – clearly stated.
 - v. The clarity in response to queries or questions made by the audience after the presentation.
- e. **Acknowledgement:**
 - i. Presented with a certificate at an open event at the biennial conference.
 - ii. Outcomes are listed on the APWSS website (www.apwss.org.in).
- f. **Selection Process:**
 - i. The opportunity will be advertised in the conference handbook and conference website. It will also be advertised on the APWSS website and a notification sent out by the APWSS General Secretary to country representatives for their circulation. Notification must occur at least 3 months before the APWSS conference at which the award will be presented.
 - ii. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC), including its Technical Committee (TC), headed by the APWSS President, has the responsibility to organize a **Best Oral Presentation Award** selection committee for this task.
 - iii. The committee will have a chairperson. A simple scoring system (one to five) or ranking system should be adopted by consensus.
 - iv. A best oral presentation selection committee of up to six senior APWSS members may be required.
 - v. This number can be increased or decreased depending on the number of concurrent sessions. The Executive shall be informed of the selection committee before the biennial conference.
 - vi. At least one member of the committee will need to attend each session.
 - vii. The committee's chairperson will co-ordinate the activity with help from the LOC and TC, and provide to the Executive Committee and the President APWSS the final ranking (and winners) at the end of the final session.

5. APWSS Conference - Best Poster Paper Award

- a. **Number of Awards:** One award and runner-up made at each Conference.
- b. **Title:** Best poster paper presentation at the biennial conference of APWSS (state the full Title of the Conference).
- c. **Requirements:** The poster presentation needs to be based on the weed science work carried out within the geographical area of the Asian-Pacific region and should be on a topic of Asian-Pacific relevance.

d. Selection Criteria:

- i. Weed Science and weed technology significance of the poster presentation.
- ii. The clarity in presenting the poster when viewed by the selection committee (clarity of research work with clear conclusions).
- iii. Quality graphical and photographic presentation of the results.
- iv. Potential future impact of the research work presented in the poster – clearly stated.

e. Acknowledgement:

- i. Presented with a certificate at an open event at the biennial Conference (possibly the beach party).
- ii. Outcomes are listed on the APWSS website (www.apwss.org.in).

f. Selection Process:

- i. The opportunity will be advertised in the conference handbook and conference website. It will also be advertised on the APWSS website and a notification sent out by the APWSS General Secretary to country representatives for their circulation. Notification must occur at least 3 months before the APWSS conference at which the award will be presented.
- ii. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC), including its Technical Committee (TC), headed by the APWSS President, has the responsibility to organize a **Best Poster Award** selection committee for this task.
- iii. The committee will have a chairperson. A simple scoring system (one to five) or ranking system should be adopted by consensus.
- iv. A best poster paper committee of at least three senior APWSS members may be required. For this task, the LOC and TC may select different members from those selected for the Best Oral Presentation committee.
- v. This number can be increased or decreased depending on the number of concurrent sessions. The Executive shall be informed of the selection committee before the biennial conference.
- vi. All members will need to visit each poster.
- vii. The committee's chairperson will co-ordinate the activity with help from the LOC and TC, and provide to the Executive Committee and the President APWSS the final ranking (and winners) at the end of the final session.

6. APWSS Young Weed Scientist/Weed Science Students - Travel Grant Awards

- a. **Number of Awards:** Three APWSS Awards at each conference. These would be in addition to any other Travel Grant Awards or similar (i.e., IWSS) awards (if they become available).
- b. **Title:** Young Weed Scientist/Weed Science Student Travel Grant Awards
- c. **Requirements:** Work within the geographical scope of the Asian-Pacific region, to present an oral or poster on an Asian-Pacific research topic.
- d. **Selection Criteria:**
 - i. Accomplishments in the field of weed science as shown by a CV.
 - ii. Quality/suitability of proposed presentation.
 - iii. Referee (APWSS Life Member and/or other distinguished Scientist) support letter.
 - iv. Under the age of 35 years at the time of the conference.
- e. **Acknowledgement:**
 - i. Presented with US \$500 (cash or bank transfer) at an open event at the biennial conference.
 - ii. Outcomes with a photograph are listed on the APWSS website (www.apwss.org.in).
- f. **Selection Process:**
 - i. The opportunity will be advertised in the conference handbook and conference website. It will also be advertised on the APWSS website and a notification sent out by the APWSS General Secretary to country representatives for their circulation. Notification must occur at least 3 months before the APWSS conference at which the award will be presented.
 - ii. The nominee/applicant should be from a developing country in the Asian-Pacific region.
 - iii. Nomination can be by self-nomination or an APWSS member nomination.
 - iv. A scientist or Student wishing to apply for the award must send the following:
 - a) A Curriculum vitae and Motivation letter.
 - b) If a student - Confirmation by the University Faculty about their current student status.
 - c) The submitted APWSS Abstract in which the candidate is a presenting (main) author.
 - d) A 5 or 6-page Manuscript including Tables and Figures with a Summary, Introduction, Materials & Methods, and Results & Discussion of the manuscript for presentation at the APWSS conference as a main author ((PDF file)).
 - e) In the case of more than one paper presented as the main author, candidates should choose only one of them for this application.
 - f) All documents should be sent via e-mail to the APWSS Conference Program Committee before the announced deadline for submission.

- g) Abstract submission must separately be made electronically through the APWSS Conference online abstract submission system before the due date set.
- v. Submissions are to come to APWSS General Secretary and circulated to a Travel Awards committee (a committee to be appointed by the Executive) as they come in or no later than 3 months before the Conference.
- vi. The Travel Grant Awards Committee shall have a chairperson, who will co-ordinate this activity with assistance from the Executive.
- vii. The Chairperson will provide to the Executive Committee and the President APWSS the final ranking (and winners), based on the credit points as shown in **Table 3**.
- viii. The activity shall be completed at least 3 months before the conference.
- ix. The Grant winners will be contacted and notified by the APWSS Conference Secretariat.

Table 3: Young Weed Scientist/STUDENT Travel Grant Award ‘for attending APWSS Conference

	Name of Applicant	Academic Qualifications (10 CP)	Statement-Contributions to Weed Science, including Publications and future potential (demonstrated) (50 CP)	Abstract of quality and accepted for current APWSS conference (15 CP)	Support from the student’s advisor and or APWSS Life Member (10 CP)	Funding sought from other sources to support travel and/or stated special circumstances (5 CP)	Other research-related prizes/awards/ recognition (5 CP)	Conference/Symposia attended (5 CP)	Total credit points /100
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To be approved by the full Membership at the following Conference