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**About Prof. Kandikere Ramaiah Sridhar**

Prof. Kandikere Ramaiah Sridhar, Editor-in-Chief of MycoIndia Journal of Indian Fungi, is an Adjunct Professor at Mangalore University with over 45 years of academic experience. A leading authority in mycology, he has supervised 5 MPhil and 25 PhD scholars, contributing significantly to the advancement of fungal biology. His research primarily explores freshwater fungi in the biodiversity-rich Western Ghats and coastal regions of western India. Prof. Sridhar has authored and edited 19 books and published over 500 scientific papers. He has held visiting positions in Canada, Germany, Portugal, and Thailand, and is internationally recognized as one of the world's foremost mycologists. He is currently serving as a visiting professor in Bangkok.

Award Instituted by:

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Award Guidelines

Name of the Award: Prof. Kandikere Ramaiah Sridhar Award for Young Researchers in Aquatic Mycology

Periodicity: The award shall be conferred annually based on poster presentations focused on aquatic fungi (= fungi that live in aquatic environments, including freshwater, marine, and brackish habitats). The number of awards will depend on the number and quality of eligible posters presented in this category.

Eligibility Criteria: The award is open to active Ph.D. scholars under the age of 35 who have made outstanding contributions to aquatic mycology, including fungal biodiversity, taxonomy, phylogeny, systematics, and ecological or applied aspects of aquatic fungi. Only registered *bona fide* Ph.D. scholars are eligible. Permanent faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, and teachers are not eligible for this award.

Administration of the Award: Association for Fungal Biologists (AFB) shall have the exclusive authority to select the recipients of the award and to formulate and/or revise the rules governing the selection process.

Value of the Award: Winners will be felicitated with a citation and a memento. The award does not include a cash prize.

Procedure for Selection of Recipients: AFB will invite nominations from registered, active Ph.D. scholars. A special poster competition on aquatic mycology will be organized during the annual AFB conference. A three-member judging committee, appointed by AFB, will evaluate the poster presentations and select the winners. The number of awards will be decided based on the quality and number of eligible presentations. The committee reserves the right to disqualify any candidate found canvassing. The decision of the committee shall be final. Once awarded, a recipient may apply for any other AFB award only after a two-year gap from the date of receiving this award.

Presentation of the Award: The winners will be honoured during the valedictory session of the annual meeting or conference.