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## Message from ASIOA Executive Leadership Team

Dear ASIOA Members,

Greetings from the ASIOA leadership team! Happy New Year 2024! ASIOA has been doing well with the recruitment of new lifetime and regular members. Thank you all for the unwavering support! We had a great year 2023. We had apprehensions about having the 41<sup>st</sup> ASIOA National Annual Award Ceremony and Banquet at the sidelines of the APS Physiology Summit. However, with your support and commitment, the 41<sup>st</sup> ASIOA National Annual Award Ceremony and Banquet was a huge success! It was a wonderful event with a full house of attendees and awardees. We thoroughly enjoyed the inspiring and endearing speeches from the guest of honor, Dr. Bina Joe, and the major award winners, Drs. Sudhir Gupta, Sakthivel Sadayappan, and Tahir Hussain, along with talks from Scientist awardees. One of the highlights of the banquet was the establishment of a new award- the “Sarfaz Ahmad Outstanding Midcareer Scientist”, sponsored by our own Dr. Sarfaz Ahmad, to be given starting in 2024. Please see the attached flyer for soliciting nominations for this year’s ASIOA awards. Our goal with these awards is to encourage participation from early career scientists. As you can see in this Newsletter, we have included the achievements of our ASIOA members, in addition to pictures from last year’s Banquet. In this connection, we request the members not to send us information on your achievements “copy and paste” from other websites or news items due to copy right issues. As the current leadership term is expiring, we have selected an Election Committee with Dr. Binu Tarakan as Chair and Drs. Sailaja Paruchuri, Praveena Sabnekar, Piu Saha and Sarfaz Ahmad (past president, ASIOA) as committee members, entrusting them with the election of the new leadership team. On that note, the current leadership team expresses their sincere thanks for all the support given by each member of ASIOA during the past 4 years. Finally, on behalf of the ASIOA executive committee, we cordially invite you all to participate in the 42<sup>nd</sup> ASIOA Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony, April 6, 2024, at Long Beach, CA. We promise you a great evening of fun, food, and science !

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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# SAVE THE DATE



for

## ASIOA National Meeting & Awards Ceremony



Banquet  
Venue: TBD



## Long Beach, CA



## Date: 04-06-2024

## SOLICITATION OF NOMINATIONS FOR ASIOA 2024 AWARDS

ASIOA is delighted to announce its annual awards for 2024. Nominations are invited from ASIOA life members and members for the following categories. The Awards Committee will make the selections, and **the awards will be presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting, Awards Ceremony & Banquet (Long Beach, CA), April 6th, 2024.** Please send your awards application to Sreelatha Aramgam, Secretary, ASIOA @ [secretaryasioa2020@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryasioa2020@gmail.com) on or before **February 19 2024.**



### Awards & Categories

- \*Mrs. Nirmala Desai Lifetime Achievement Award (will be given to ASIOA life member for exceptional contributions in Science)
- \*ASIOA Service Award (will be presented to a life member of ASIOA, who has rendered outstanding service to the Association).
- \*Mario Toppo Distinguished Scientist Award (will be given to a life member of ASIOA, an established senior scientist, who has made an outstanding scientific contribution and service).
- \*Sarfraz Ahmad Outstanding Midcareer Scientist Award (will be given to a life member of ASIOA, an established senior scientist at the level of Associate Professor or Assistant Professor, who has made an outstanding scientific contribution and service)
- \*Dr. Sudhir Gupta Young Scientist Award (will be given to ASIOA life member and scientist who is 40 years or younger and has made an exceptional contribution to science).

Six Junior Scientist Awards will be given to scientists, postdoctoral or pre-doctoral fellows of Indian origin and ASIOA life-member/member.

### **Sudhir Gupta Young Scientist Award**

Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Scientist of Indian origin, life member of ASIOA and has made exceptional contributions to the field of Science.</li><li>✓ Applicant should be 40 years or younger.</li><li>✓ Nomination should be made and seconded by the ASIOA members in good standing.</li><li>✓ Application must be submitted prior to the deadline. Submissions/ Nominations after the deadline will not be accepted.</li><li>✓ All the below listed documents must be submitted with the application.</li></ul>
Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current CV</li><li>• A brief summary of the applicant's scientific achievements and service to ASIOA</li><li>• Any official document that confirms the age of the applicant (up on request).</li><li>• Two nomination letters from the ASIOA members in good standing.</li></ul>



## Mrs. Nirmala Desai Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award



Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Scientist of Indian origin.</li> <li>✓ Nominations should be made and seconded by ASIOA life members for at least 5 years.</li> <li>✓ Applicant should be an individual investigator and need to be the life member of the ASIOA for at least 10 years.</li> <li>✓ Researchers and/or practitioners in the fields of Physiology, Pharmacology, Neuroscience, Immunology, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Cell Biology and any other relevant Biomedical Research areas.</li> <li>✓ Exceptional body of work in research, theory or other scholarly work by a living person over a period of not less than 20 years.</li> <li>✓ The body of work should have contributed significantly in unique or innovative findings, theoretical constructs, experimental approaches or practices and/or have made exceptional practical application(s) of others' research.</li> <li>✓ The body of work may be demonstrated by: 1) a minimum of 25 publications as primary/ corresponding author in refereed academic journals with high impact factor and highly cited research findings; 2) significant service as journal editor/editorial member/journal reviewer/members of scientific organizations and 3) significant contributions at and to professional conferences or any combination thereof.</li> <li>✓ Application must be submitted prior to the deadline.</li> </ul> <p>Submissions/ Nominations after the deadline will not be accepted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ All the below listed documents must be submitted with the application</li> </ul>
Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current CV</li> <li>• A brief summary of the applicant's scientific and academic achievements along with service including to ASIOA, Inc</li> <li>• Two nomination letters from the ASIOA life members for at least 5 years.</li> </ul>

## Mario Toppo Distinguished Scientist Award



Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Established senior scientist of Indian origin, who has made outstanding contributions to the field of Science.</li> <li>✓ Applicant should serve as a Professor, Associate professor or equivalent leadership positions in academia or industry .</li> <li>✓ Applicant should be an individual investigator and need to be the life member of the ASIOA for at least 5 years.</li> <li>✓ Nomination should be made and seconded by the ASIOA life members in good standing.</li> <li>✓ Application must be submitted prior to the deadline. Submissions/ Nominations after the deadline will not be accepted.</li> <li>✓ All the below listed documents must be submitted with the application.</li> </ul>
Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current CV</li> <li>• A brief summary of the applicant's scientific achievements and service including to ASIOA.</li> <li>• Two nomination letters from the ASIOA life members for at least 5 years in good standing.</li> </ul>

## ASIOA Service Award

Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ ASIOA life member for at least 5 years who has rendered an outstanding service to the ASIOA - as President, Secretary, Executive officer and Council member, and Meetings and other Committees.</li> <li>✓ Nomination should be made and seconded by the ASIOA life members in good standing.</li> <li>✓ Application must be submitted prior to the deadline. Submissions/ Nominations after the deadline will not be accepted.</li> <li>✓ All the below listed documents must be submitted with the application.</li> </ul>
Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current CV</li> <li>• A brief summary of the applicant's service to ASIOA.</li> <li>• Two nomination letters from the ASIOA life members for at least 5 years in good standing.</li> </ul>

## Sarfraz Ahmad Outstanding Midcareer Scientist Award

The Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America (ASIOA), Inc. is delighted to institute a new category of award to its portfolio, viz., **Sarfraz Ahmad Outstanding Midcareer Scientist Award** to be presented during its future Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony. This award is to recognize a midcareer scientist of Indian origin who made outstanding contributions in biomedical sciences and/or clinical innovative outcomes in North America. The Awards Committee will make the selection from the nominated candidates, The list of the eligibility criteria and required documentations are given below:

Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Midcareer Scientist of Indian origin who made outstanding contributions to the field of biomedical sciences and/or clinical innovative outcomes.</li><li>✓ _Applicant should be 55-years or younger (living person).</li><li>✓ _Applicant must hold a doctorate and/or equivalent medical degree.</li><li>✓ Applicant should serve as Assistant/Associate Professor in academia or in equivalent scientific/leadership positions in industry or government.</li><li>✓ _Applicant should be actively (in current position) engaged in high-level of academic and scholarly activities as evidenced by peer-reviewed publications, competitive funding procurement, and related services like product innovations evidenced by patents.</li><li>✓ _Nomination should be made and seconded by the ASIOA senior life members who are with ASIOA for at least 5-years.</li><li>✓ Applicant must be a Life Member of ASIOA for at least 5-years and provided service to ASIOA.</li><li>✓ _Members who are established scientists and/or have previously received ASIOA's <i>Mario Toppo Distinguished Scientist Award</i> or <i>Nirmala Desai Lifetime Achievement Award</i> are not eligible for this award.</li></ul>
Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current CV</li><li>• A Summary of the applicant's scientific achievements and services to ASIOA.</li><li>• Two nomination letters from the ASIOA senior life members who are with ASIOA for at least 5-years.</li><li>• Any official document that confirms the age of the applicant (upon request).</li></ul>



## Junior Scientist Awards



- Satu Somani Award in Physiology-- current/recent research or the academic background should be in **Physiology**
- American Radiolabeled Chemicals Award in Pharmacology- current/recent research or the academic background should be in **Pharmacology**
- Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Award in Molecular Biology- current/recent research or the academic background should be in **Molecular Biology**
- JOGUE Award in Nutrition-- current/recent research or the academic background should be in **Nutrition**
- Biotex Laboratories Award in Immunology-- current/recent research or the academic background should be in **Immunology**
- Gopal Krishna Memorial Award in Biochemistry-- current/recent research or the academic background should be in **Biochemistry**

Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Scientist/Researcher of Indian origin and ASIOA life members or members</li> <li>✓ Either the applicant's current/recent research or the academic background should be in Award category as given in specific criteria <u>and must be specified in the application.</u></li> <li>✓ Application must be submitted prior to the deadline. Submissions/ Nominations after the deadline will not be accepted.</li> <li>✓ All the below listed documents must be submitted with the application.</li> </ul>
Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current CV</li> <li>• Abstract of the research work and/or presentation title accepted for the current or previous year's Experimental Biology meeting (or any other national meeting).</li> <li>• Two reference letters. These letters can be from ASIOA members and/or mentors (mentors may or may not be members of the ASIOA members).</li> </ul>

## General Criteria Awards

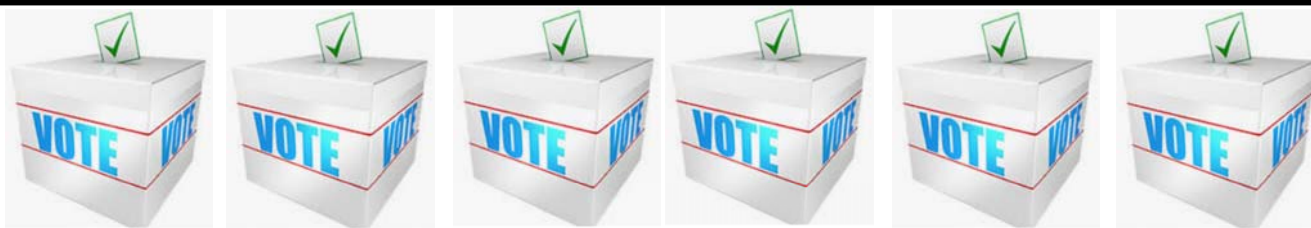
- The applicants/nominees of all award categories should be the paid-members of ASIOA.



# Congratulations to ASIOA 2023 Annual Award Winners



	Category/Sub-category of Awards and Applicants
I.	<b>Nirmala Desai Lifetime Achievement Award</b>
1)	Dr. Sudhir Gupta, MD, Ph.D., D.Sc. (hc), MACP, FRCP (C), FRCP (Lond), FACR, FCIS, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, University of California at Irvine, Irvine, CA
II.	<b>ASIOA Service Award</b>
2)	Dr. Praveena Sabnekar, PhD, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Silver Spring, MD
III.	<b>Mario Toppo Distinguished Scientist Award</b>
3)	Dr. Sakthivel Sadayappan, PhD, MBA, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Cincinnati, OH
4)	Dr. Tahir Hussain, PhD, FAHA, FASN, University of Houston, Houston, TX
IV.	<b>Sudhir Gupta Young Scientist Award</b>
5)	Dr. Srinivas Sriramula, PhD, Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
V.	<b>Junior Scientist Awards</b>
	<b>Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Award in Molecular Biology</b>
6)	Dr. Haritha Kunhiraman, PhD, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
	<b>Biotex Laboratories Award in Immunology</b>
7)	Dr. Sweta Ghosh, PhD, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
8)	Ms. Emma Elizabeth Sabu Kattuman, The University of Toledo, Toledo, OH
	<b>Gopal Krishna Memorial Award in Biochemistry</b>
9)	Ms. Kesha Dalal, The University of Toledo, Toledo, OH
	<b>Satu Somani Award in Physiology</b>
10)	Dr. Venkatesh Katari, PhD, The University of Toledo, Toledo, OH
	<b>American Radiolabeled Chemicals Award in Pharmacology</b>
11)	Dr. Ramamurthy Chitteti, PhD, University of California, San Diego, CA
	<b>JOGUE Award in Nutrition</b>
	No eligible applicants



## Solicitation for Nominations for Council Members, Secretary and President

Dear ASIOA Members,

ASIOA is grateful to the outgoing President, Dr. Charles K. Thodeti; Secretary, Sree Latha Aramgam; and Council members, Dr. Sai Sudha Koka, Dr. Sudhir Reddy Puttireddy, Dr. Sadab A. Siddiqui, Koteswara Rao Nalamolu and Dr. Praveena Sabnekar for their extensive and dedicated services, and loyalty to the Association. ASIOA strongly believes we can count on their continued support. Hence, new President, Secretary and 5 council members need to be elected to take the office immediately after the 42nd Annual Meeting (April, 6, 2024-Long Beach, CA). ASIOA members have great opportunity to serve as Council Members, Secretary and President. In these positions you can make an impact on the success and direction of the Society. Therefore, we are requesting ASIOA life members those who are willing to serve as President, Secretary and Council Members are requested to send –1) One page summary of the CV 2) A letter of intent to serve as ASIOA in the respective capacity detailing previous services and future plans.

The candidates for leadership roles should be a life member of ASIOA in good standing with relevant experience and various Association Activities.

Please send the documents to Dr. Binu Tharakan (btharakan@msm.edu), Chair, Nomination Committee on or before February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Thank you.

Best regards

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**Praveena Sabnekar, PhD**  
**Piu Saha, PhD**  
**Sarfraz Ahmad, PhD, FAACC, FABAP**



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## Membership Application

Membership Type: (Please check one): New ( ) Renewal ( ) Change of Address ( )

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel. (Work): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (Home/Mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Institution and year of graduation in India: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Area(s) of Research/Interests: 1.  
2.  
3.

Membership(s) in Professional Societies: 1.  
2.  
3.

National Meetings you normally attend: 1.  
2.

Membership dues [Circle the applicable item(s)]:

Life Membership : \$300.00

Regular Membership : \$ 45.00

Donations to ASIOA, Inc : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: use online payment link <https://asioa.org/membershipapplication?email=>

Payment Confirmation: # \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

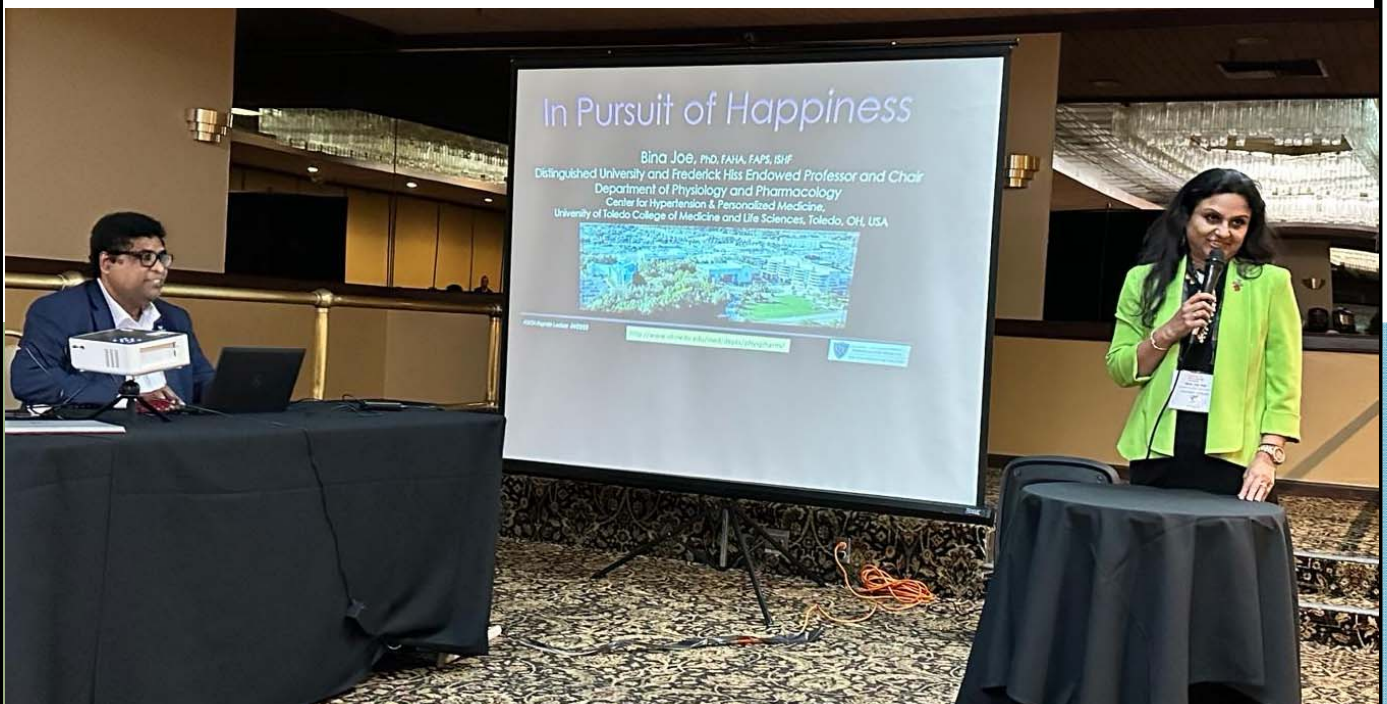
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced By (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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