To encourage Young Scientists, The Indian Science Congress Association has introduced a number of awards in different disciplines in January 1981. These awards carry a sum of Rs 25,000 besides a certificate of merit. There are 14 awards, one to be given in each section.

1. Applications or nominations are invited from members (Life and Ordinary) of the Association who had paid their subscription on or before 31 May 2008. The upper age limit of the candidates for the award is 32 years as reckoned on 31 December 2007 (only those born on or after 1 January 1976 are eligible).

2. Four copies of full paper along with four copies of the abstract (not exceeding 100 words) shall have to reach the office of the General Secretary (Hqrs.) not later than 31 May 2008. At the top of each copy of the paper and its abstract, the name of the section where the paper is to be presented should be indicated. The sections are: (1) Agriculture and Forestry Sciences; (2) Animal, Veterinary and Fishery Sciences; (3) Anthropological and Behavioural Sciences (including Archaeology and Psychology & Educational Sciences); (4) Chemical Sciences; (5) Earth System Sciences; (6) Engineering Sciences; (7) Environmental Sciences; (8) Information and Communication Sciences & Technology (including Computer Sciences); (9) Materials Science; (10) Mathematical Sciences (including Statistics); (11) Medical Sciences (including Physiology); (12) New Biology (including Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology and Biotechnology); (13) Physical Sciences; (14) Plant Sciences.

3. Four copies of the bio-data of the candidate including full name and address (with phone, fax and e-mail) along with the date of birth (duly supported by an attested copy of the certificate), research experience and membership number, etc. should be appended to the full paper.

4. Work should have been carried out in India and this has to be certified by the Head of the Institution from where the candidate is applying.

5. The candidate should give an undertaking that the work which is being submitted has not been presented in any other Conference/Seminar/Symposium for consideration of any award.

6. In case of a paper by more than one authors, the candidate (young scientist) has to be acknowledged by the other author(s) (in terms of a certificate) as having made the major contribution. A Young Scientist could present only one paper in any one section (and not a second paper with the same or related work in any other section).

7. Full paper will be assessed for their content and at the most six Young Scientists in each section will be invited to make oral presentation of their papers on October. The selected scientists will be provided admissible travelling and daily allowances by the ISCA.

8. The final selection for the Awards will be done by a duly constituted committee and the awards will be given at 96th Indian Science Congress to be held from 3 to 7 January 2009.

9. The last date for receiving papers is 31 May 2008.

10. All correspondences should be made to: The General Secretary (Hqrs.), The Indian Science Congress Association, 14, Dr Biresh Guha St, Kolkata 700 017. Tel: (033) 2287-5323/2287-2551, Fax: 91-33-2287-2551, e-mail: iscacak_2004@yahoo.com/iscacak@vsnl.net; Website: http://sciencecongress.org