



ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN ZOO & WILDLIFE VETERINARIANS (AIZWV)

ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Sr. No.	Name of AIZWV Award	Eligibility Criteria			Judging Criteria	Award Details
		Target	Age	Professional experience		
1	AIZWV Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in "Wildlife Health & Management"	Eminent Teacher/ Scientist/ Field Practitioner/ Zoo Veterinarian/ Park Veterinarian or Eminent personality who has contributed towards the field of Wildlife Health/ Wildlife Sciences/ Wildlife Management	More than 55 years of age on the last date of submission of the application	Minimum 25 yrs The person should have high professional acumen with significant contributions in the field of Wildlife Health/ Wildlife Sciences/ Wildlife Management	The application for the award may be submitted as a self-nomination or through a nominator/Proposer. The application must include a precise statement limited to 200 words on the nominee's professional and scientific achievements preferably with a detailed CV. The nominator/proposer must be a life member of the AIZWV.	<i>Citation, Certificate, memento and shawl</i> during the annual conference.
2	Dr. B.M. Arora Memorial Award for "Veterinary Excellence in Zoo Animal Health"	Zoo veterinarian/ Researcher (Veterinary)/ Field veterinarian/ Scientist / College faculty	Less than 55 years of age on the last date of submission of the application	Minimum 10 yrs (The person should have had a high professional acumen with significant contributions towards zoo animal health in the last five years.)	The application for the award may be submitted as a self-nomination or through a nominator/Proposer. The application must include a precise statement limited to 200 words on the nominee's professional and scientific achievements preferably with a detailed CV. The nominator/proposer must be a life member of the AIZWV.	<i>Certificate, medal and shawl</i> during the annual conference.
3	Dr. Vaidyanathan Krishnamurthy Memorial Award for Contributions towards "Elephant Health Management"	Eminent Teacher/ Scientist / Field Practitioner/ Zoo/ Park Veterinarian who has carried out work related to Elephant Conservation	More than 30 years of age on the last date of submission of the application	Minimum 10 yrs (The person should have high professional acumen with significant contributions in the field of "Elephant health Management" in the last five years.)	The application for the award may be submitted as a self-nomination or through a nominator/Proposer. The application must include a precise statement limited to 200 words on the nominee's professional and scientific achievements preferably with a detailed CV. The nominator/proposer must be a life member of the AIZWV.	<i>Certificate, medal and shawl</i> during the annual conference.
4	Dr. J.M. Nigam Memorial Award for Excellence in "Wildlife Surgery, Anaesthesiology, Radiology & Imaging"	Eminent Teacher/ Scientist / Practitioner/ Zoo / Park Veterinarian who has carried out work related to Wildlife Veterinary Surgery, Anaesthesiology, Radiology and Imaging in a Veterinary college/ Scientific Institution/ Zoo/ Protected Area	More than 30 years of age on the last date of submission of the application	Minimum 10 yrs (The person should have high professional acumen with significant teaching & research contributions / exceptional contributions in the field Wildlife Surgery, Anaesthesiology, Radiology & Imaging in the last five years.)	The application for the award may be submitted as a self-nomination or through a nominator/Proposer. The application must include a precise statement limited to 200 words on the nominee's professional and scientific achievements preferably with a detailed CV. The nominator/proposer must be a life member of the AIZWV.	<i>Certificate, medal and shawl</i> during the annual conference.



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5.	Dr. Apurba Chakraborty Distinguished Award for Excellence in "Wildlife Pathology"	Eminent Teacher/ Scientist / Field Practitioner/ Zoo/ Park Veterinarian who has carried out work related to Wildlife Pathology in a Veterinary college/ Scientific Institution/ Zoo*/ Protected Area	More than 30 years of age on the last date of submission of the application	Minimum 10 yrs (The person should have high professional acumen with significant teaching & research contributions / exceptional contributions in the field Wildlife Pathology in the last five years.)	The application for the award may be submitted as a self-nomination or through a nominator/Proposer. The application must include a precise statement limited to 200 words on the nominee's professional and scientific achievements preferably with a detailed CV. The nominator/proposer must be a life member of the AIZWV.	<i>Certificate, medal and shawl</i> during the annual conference.
6.	Dr. A.K. Sharma Appreciation Award for Best Young Researcher for outstanding contributions towards "Wildlife Sciences" (Master's and PhD Veterinary Science students)	Master's and PhD Veterinary Science students or who have conducted wildlife-related work for their MVSc/ PhD Dissertation or taken up project work during their course. (Proof required)	Less than 35 years of age on the last date of submission of the application	Work presented should be original and related to Wildlife Science/ Wildlife Health/ Wildlife Health & Management/ Conservation Genetics/ Wildlife Forensics.	The candidate contesting for the award shall submit an abstract of the work in not more than 150 words before the last date of submission. He/ she would need to present the work before the evaluation committee virtually for which the date and time for the same would be communicated. He/she shall submit his/her complete bio-data along with necessary certificates as proof for his/ her candidature. The applicant shall submit a certificate to the effect that the work has been carried out independently and is from MVSc/ PhD thesis/Project work during their course. The work presented for the award should not have been presented for any other award or certificate in AIZWV or any other forum.	<i>Certificate, medal and Appreciation Prize</i> during the annual conference.
7	Dr. A.B. Shrivastav Appreciation Award for "Best Lady Veterinarian" for outstanding contributions towards "Wildlife Health"	Eminent Teacher/ Scientist / Practitioner/ Zoo Veterinarian/ Park Veterinarian who has carried out work related to Wildlife Health in a Veterinary college/ Scientific Institution/ Zoo/ Captive facility/ Protected Area	More than 30 years of age on the last date of submission of the application	Minimum 10 yrs (The person should have high professional acumen with significant teaching & research contributions / exceptional contributions in the field Wildlife health in the last five years.)	The application for the award may be submitted as a self-nomination or through a nominator/Proposer. The application must include a precise statement limited to 200 words on the nominee's professional and scientific achievements preferably with a detailed CV. The nominator/proposer must be a life member of the AIZWV.	<i>Certificate, medal and shawl</i> during the annual conference.



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	AIZWV Appreciation Award for 'Veterinary Interventions In Free-Ranging Wildlife'	Field Veterinarian/ Zoo Veterinarian/ Scientist / College faculty	Less than 55 years of age on the last date of submission of the application	Minimum 10 yrs (The person should have had a high professional acumen with significant contributions towards Free ranging wild animals in the last five years.)	The application for the award may be submitted as a self-nomination or through a nominator /Proposer. The application must include a precise statement limited to 200 words on the nominee's professional and scientific achievements, preferably with a detailed CV. The nominator/proposer must be a life member of the AIZWV.	<i>Certificate, medal and shawl</i> during the annual conference.

NOTE: The word Zoo encompasses Indian Zoos, Rescue Centres and Conservation Breeding Centers recognized by the Central Zoo Authority, Delhi.

The **VanGiri** Award for Best Research/ Review article on Wildlife Health and Management

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The **GiriVan** Award for Best Clinical Case Study/ Short Communication

The Awards are supported by Dr R. G Jani. Former Professor (Veterinary Medicine) & Coordinator Indian Wildlife Health Cooperative (Western Region), Anand Veterinary College, Gujarat in honour of his parents Smt Vanita and Shri Girijashanker Jani. The awards aim to recognize individuals whose work advances knowledge, practices, and innovation in Indian wildlife management, conservation, and veterinary care.

The **VanGiri** Award for **Best Research/Review article on Wildlife Health and Management** is to be presented to an author whose article demonstrates excellence in research, analysis, and communication. Articles eligible for this award must demonstrate originality, depth, and clarity while addressing key challenges or breakthroughs in wildlife conservation. They must provide insights that can guide policy, management, or community participation in preserving India's rich biodiversity.

The **GiriVan** Award for **Best Clinical Case Study/ Short Communication** is to be awarded to veterinarians and wildlife health professionals who document unique clinical cases or provide short communication on any aspects of wildlife health and management in captive or free ranging wildlife. It recognizes case studies that combine scientific rigor, innovative methods, and compassion for animals. Entries in this category will highlight rare or challenging clinical cases, offering lessons that inspire advancements in wildlife veterinary practices.

Submissions will be evaluated by an expert panel. The panel will assess articles and case studies based on originality, impact, scientific accuracy, and the potential to influence wildlife conservation or veterinary practices.

Winners will be presented with a certificate and a medal or memento.

Both awards symbolize a step forward in encouraging researchers and field practitioners to contribute meaningfully to the field.



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General Guidelines

1. The candidate should be a life member of AIZWV
2. Proof of age should be enclosed with application.
3. The candidate(s) fulfilling the above criteria shall apply for the award to the General Secretary in the prescribed format available on the AIZWV website (www.aizwv.org) on or before the last date of submission as per the brochure of the 15th Annual Convention of the Association of Indian Zoo & Wildlife Veterinarian & International Zoo and Wildlife Health Conference.
4. Applicant for the Memorial/ Appreciation/ Achievement Awards may self-nominate or an AIZWV Life member can propose a nomination. Recommendations of the proponents who are eminent professionals preferably working in the thrust areas of the said award may be included.

Judging Criteria

1. An evaluation committee consisting of three senior, eminent AIZWV life members shall be appointed to screen and evaluate the application(s) based on detailed information provided as per application format. The General Secretary of the Association shall be Ex-Officio member and shall act as member secretary of the committee. (None of the members evaluating the "Best Young Researcher" would be from same Institution/ College/University)
2. The majority decision of the selection committee shall be final. In the absence of a clear majority, the final verdict shall be with the President of the AIZWV.
3. In case if number of applications is less than three, the case would be judged on its merit and decision taken by the evaluation committee.
4. It is a one-time award for the applicant and the same applicant will not be reconsidered for the same award. A maximum of one Award for Excellence is to be bestowed in this category at a time.