



Call for nominations

IMA Young Mycologist Award – Ethel Mary Doidge Medal

The International Mycological Association (IMA) are making two awards to **outstanding mycologists, early in their career, from Africa**. The nominees will be evaluated primarily on the basis of the quality, originality, and quantity of their published work. Awards will consist of a certificate and free registration to the IMC12 meeting, 11 – 15 August 2024 in Maastricht, The Netherlands. Presentation of the awards will take place at the awards ceremony at the IMC meeting.

Due to the postponement of IMC12 to 2024, **two awards** will be given to

- Candidates who obtained their **PhD** degree from **2012 to 2021**
- Candidates who obtained their **PhD** degree from **2014 to 2023**

General and specific requirements

- An individual may receive the same IMA Award only once.
- Only AfriMA can send the recommendation letter to IMA. Self-nomination is not allowed.
- Nominators must be members of the IMA.
- Nominees who are not chosen for the prize, may be renominated for up to two additional terms (within the year limit linked to the Young Mycologist Award).
- Nominees must have received their PhD within the ten (10) year period immediately preceding January 1st of the year in which the award is given. **The present call for nominations is an exception due to the postponement of IMC12 to 2024.**

Procedure for nominations and election

- Nomination of candidates consists of a letter of nomination, two letters of support from mycologists familiar with the candidate, and a current curriculum vitae of the candidate.
- These documents are to be sent in a single PDF file to the Secretary of the AfriMA: secretaryafriima@up.ac.za
- **Nomination deadline: 15 January 2024**

The AfriMA Young Mycologist Award Regional Committee will evaluate all nominations and propose their choice for the two awardees to the IMA Young Mycologist Awards Committee, convened by the IMA Vice-President. The IMA Young Mycologist Awards Committee will ratify the AfriMA choice and inform the successful awardees no later than **15 April 2024**.

Selection criteria

Candidates are expected to have contributed appreciably to mycology and they should have achieved international recognition based on: (a) The quality, innovation, thoroughness, and impact on science of their published research, with consideration given to the contribution of the nominee to multi-authored publications. (b) Service as editors of journals or as officers of societies. (c) Membership on national or international policy committees. (d) Invitations to present research at national or international meetings.

Additional awards from the International Mycological Association

- **De Bary Medal** for outstanding career research.
- **Ainsworth Medal** for recognition of extraordinary service to world mycology.

Nominations to these awards are made directly to the International Mycological Association. Details are provided here: https://www.ima-mycology.org/sites/default/files/downloads/ima_awards_imc2024.pdf