To recognize the outstanding contribution in the area of Ethnopharmacology and medicinal plant research, the Society for Ethnopharmacology, India has instituted several awards. The society received several Nominations for the annual awards 2017. We are happy to confer these awards to those who have made potential contribution in this area.

“SFE - Lifetime Achievement Award - 2017”
“Bisheswar Saha Memorial Award” – which has been instituted by the society with the help of Mr. Sibeswar Saha, in memory of his beloved father Sri. Bisheswar Saha.

Prof. S. P. Thyagarajan has made extraordinary contribution in the field of Medicinal Plant Research and Ethnopharmacology. Prof. S. P. Thyagarajan is a Professor of Eminence & Dean (Research) of Sri Ramachandra University, Porur, Chennai. He is the former Vice Chancellor of University of Madras. He is the forerunner for Standardization & development of scientific validation protocols of the Indian System of Medicine. He had published numerous research and review papers and books. Prof. Thyagarajan was recognized and felicitated by several national and international bodies for his contribution in scientific research.

Based on the outstanding contribution of Prof. Thyagarajan in the field of Ethnopharmacology and Medicinal Plant Research, Society for Ethnopharmacology, India is honored to confer Prof. S. P. Thyagarajan the “SFE Lifetime Achievement Award - 2017”

“SFE Outstanding International Ethnopharmacologist Award – 2017”
“Pranab Banerji Memorial Award” – instituted by the society with the help of Dr. Pratim Banerji in memory of his beloved father Dr. Pranab Banerji.

Mark Blumenthal is the Founder and Executive Director of the American Botanical Council (ABC), dedicated to providing education using science-based and traditional information to promote responsible use of herbal medicine and related preparations from beneficial plants and fungi. He is the Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of HerbalGram, an international, peer-reviewed quarterly journal. He was an Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Texas at Austin, College of Pharmacy, teaching a course on herbal products in today’s pharmacy. He is actively dedicated to educating industry about the problems
associated with accidental and intentional adulteration of botanical raw materials, extracts, and essential oils. Mark has appeared on over 600 radio and television shows and has written over 700 articles, reviews and book chapters for many major publications. He has been a leader in the concern for more rational regulations of herbal and natural product manufacturing, and education on plant-based medicines for over 40 years.

Based on the outstanding contribution of Mark Blumenthal in the field of Ethnobotany, Ethnopharmacology and Medicinal Plant Research, the Society for Ethnopharmacology, India is honored to confer him the “SFE Outstanding International Ethnopharmacologist Award – 2017.

“SFE Outstanding National Ethnopharmacologist Award – 2017”
“Harihar Mukherjee Memorial Award” – this award has been instituted by the society with the help of Dr. Pulok K. Mukherjee, in memory of his beloved father Sri Harihar Mukherjee.

Prof. Vaidya Kartar Singh Dhiman is the Director General of Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences. He has developed several monographs of medicinal substances and formulations from natural origin. He has contributed significantly in the development of The Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India (API) for ensuring quality, purity and strength of selected drugs that are manufactured, distributed, and sold by the licensed manufacturers in India. He has published several books, monographs and Comprehensive Technical Dossier (CTD) on Medicinal Plants and Ayurveda.

Based on the outstanding contribution of Prof. Vaidya Kartar Singh Dhiman, in the field of Ayurveda, Ethnopharmacology and Medicinal Plant Research, the Society for Ethnopharmacology, India is honored to confer him the “SFE Outstanding National Ethnopharmacologist Award – 2017”

SFE – ZANDU Award - 2017
“Best Research on Plant Drugs”

Dr. Surinder Kumar Sharma is the former Advisor Ayurveda, Dept. & Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India. He has special interest in Ethnobotany, Ethnomedicine and Ethnopharmacology. He has documented many medicinal plant species from traditional medical practices of Himachal Pradesh and brought them in the main domain of Ayurveda and medicines. In “Medicinal plants used in Ayurveda” published by National Academy of Ayurveda, New Delhi; several medicinal plant species used in AYUSH systems of medicines has been documented by him. Presently he is focusing on several Himalayan plants species.
For his outstanding contribution, the Society for Ethnopharmacology, India is honored to confer the “SFE-ZANDU Award – 2017” of Dr. Surinder Kumar Sharma.

SFE- Young Ethnopharmacologist Award – 2017

“P K Debnath Memorial Award”

This award is newly instituted by our society in the memory of Dr. PK Debnath, who was a very active member of the society and work a lot for its development.

Dr. Sayeed Ahmad is working as Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacognosy and Phytochemistry, Faculty of Pharmacy, Jamia Hamdard (Hamdard University), New Delhi. He has a remarkable contribution on several fields of metabolomics, chromatographic or targeted and untargeted metabolites in biological systems for their quality control. He is also working on drug ability of metabolite enriched fractions for different diseases including hepatoprotection, anticancer and anti HIV activities.

Based on the outstanding research contribution in this field, the Society for Ethnopharmacology, India is honored to confer him the “SFE- Young Ethnopharmacologist Award – 2017”.

“SFE-T Sen Oration Award – 2017”

This award is newly instituted by our society in the memory of Prof. Tuhinadri Sen, who was a very active member of the Society for Ethnopharmacology, India.

Dr. Motlalepula Gilbert Matsabisa, is the Director of the Indigenous Knowledge Systems (Health) Lead Programme (IKS) at the Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of the Free State. He also served on Medicines Control Council and he is a current member of the Complementary Medicines Committee of Medicines Control Council (MCC). His achievements include him serving in national and international bodies advancing ethnopharmacology of traditional health practices. Dr. Matsabisa has published several research and review papers in esteemed peer reviewed journal. He holds a PCT and patent on 7 novel compounds isolated from a medicinal plant with antimalarial action.

Based on his outstanding contribution in the field ethnopharmacology and traditional medicine, Society is honored to confer Dr. Motlalepula Gilbert Matsabisa the “SFE-T Sen Oration Award – 2017”.
“SFE- Outstanding Local Chapter Award – 2017”

SFE-India, Guwahati Local Chapter

Dr. Chandana Baruah, being a coordinator of SFE-Guwahati Local Chapter, involved with SFE- India since last 3 years and with the help of the members of the local chapter, she has organized several workshops and meetings time to time to promote the society in a high extent. In the year 2016, she also has attended the seminars and conferences organized by SFE-India to interact with the members and coordinators of the society along with her team. She has been working a lot for the promotion and development of SFE-India through Guwahati Local Chapter to achieve the goal of the society.

For the outstanding contribution of Guwahati Local Chapter in her patronage, Society is honored to confer the “SFE- Outstanding Local Chapter Award – 2017” to them.

“SFE - Special Recognition Award – 2017”

Dr. Dinesh R. Shah is Provost of Uka Tarsadia University (UTU), Bardoli, Gujarat. He has a vast experience in the academics, research and industry. His research interest areas are Analytical Chemistry, Organic Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry. His prime focus is to uplift academic standard and to promote research activities of the University. He always takes the initiative to update the required Infrastructure for asserting Global Educational and Research standard. He is one of the most important people, who have immensely helped the conceptualization and formation of the Society in Surat and also to host the 4th International Congress of the society.

For his outstanding contribution in the society, SFE is honored to confer the “SFE - Special Recognition Award – 2017” to Dr. Dinesh R. Shah.

“SFE- Outstanding Service Award – 2017”

Dr. Ramar Krishnamurthy has made outstanding contribution for the Promotion and Development of the Society for Ethnopharmacology, India Surat chapter. He is the Director of C G Bhakta Institute of Biotechnology and Dean of Uka Tarsadia University, Bardoli, Surat. Dr. Krishnamurthy is also the organizing chairman of this International Congress (SFEC - 2017). He has contributed a lot in the field of Ethnopharmacolgy & medicinal plant research and published numerous research & review papers in reputed journals.

For his outstanding contribution for development of the Society for Ethnopharmacology, India and hosting the 4th International Congress of the society, SFE-India is honored to confer the “SFE Outstanding Service Award – 2017” to Dr. Ramar Krishnamurthy.
“SFE - Herbal industry leader award – 2017”

M/s. Emami Limited, Vapi Gujarat is one of the largest manufacturers of popular brands of personal care, cosmetics and Ayurvedic healthcare FMCG products of Emami limited, India. It was established in the year 1974 head-quartered in Kolkata. The company has a portfolio of over 300 products based on Ayurvedic formulations with current operations in more than 60 countries. Emami Ltd, Vapi has a WHO-GMP certified manufacturing unit with state of the art R&D facility. It manufactures most of the top brands totaling 166 products. The annual turnover of the company was 2624.00 crore in 2015-16 out of which 14% of the turnover was through export.

Society for Ethnopharmacology, India is honored to confer the “SFE - Herbal industry leader award – 2017 to M/s. Emami Limited, Vapi for their outstanding business practice on promotion and development of medicinal plants and natural products.

Recipients of SFE-INDIA Awards for 2016:

• SFE - Lifetime Achievement Award “Bisheswar Saha Memorial Award”:
  Prof. Ashok DB Vaidya, Research Director in Medical Research Centre, Kasturba Health Society, Mumbai.
• SFE - Outstanding International Ethnopharmacologist Award: “Pranab Banerji Memorial Award”:
  Dr. Robert Verpoorte, professor, Natural Products Laboratory, Institute of Biology, Leiden University, Netherlands.
• SFE-Outstanding National Ethnopharmacologist Award “Harihar Mukherjee Memorial Award”:
  Dr. Debprasad Chattopadhyay, Deputy Director, ICMR Virus Unit, Beliaghata, Kolkata.
• SFE-ZANDU award “Best Research on Plant Drug”:
  Dr. Ram Vishwakarma, Director, CSIR - Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, Jammu, India.
• “SFE - Special Recognition Award”:
  Dr. S. K. Pandey, Vice Chancellor Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, CG.
• “SFE - Outstanding Service Award”:
  Sri Birendra Kumar Sarkar, Managing Director and CEO, Parker Robinson Pvt. Ltd, Kolkata
• “SFE - Herbal Industry Leader Award”:
Recipients of SFE-INDIA Awards for 2015:

- SFE - Lifetime Achievement Award “Bisheswar Saha Memorial Award”:
  Dr. Chadrakant Kokate, Vice Chancellor of KLE University, Belgaum, India.
- SFE - Outstanding International Ethnopharmacologist Award: “Pranab Banerji Memorial Award”:
  Dr. Geoffrey A. Cordell is the Emeritus professor of Pharmacognosy, College of Pharmacy, University of Illinois at Chicago
- SFE-Outstanding National Ethnopharmacologist Award “Harihar Mukherjee Memorial Award”:
  Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan is the Professor and Director, Interdisciplinary School of Health Sciences, University of Pune, Pune, India.
- SFE-ZANDU award “Best Research on Plant Drug”:
  Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh Rawat, Head of the department of Pharmacognosy & Ethnopharmacology Division, National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), Lucknow, India.
- “SFE - Special Recognition Award”:
  Mr. Birendra Kumar Sarkar, Managing Director, Parker Robinson Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata, India.
- “SFE - Outstanding Service Award”:
  Dr. Prakash Rambhauji Itankar, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur, India.
- “SFE - Herbal Industry Leader Award”:
  M/s. Shree Baidyanath Ayurved Bhawan Pvt., Limited, Nagpur.

Recipients of SFE-INDIA Awards for 2014:

- SFE –Lifetime Achievement Award “Bisheswar Saha Memorial Award”:
  Dr. Sukhdev Swami Handa, Former Director Indian Institute of Integrative Medicines & Professor, University Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India
- SFE-Outstanding National Ethnopharmacology Award “Harihar Mukherjee Memorial Award”:
  Dr. Y. K. Gupta, Professor and Head, Department of Pharmacology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India.
- SFE – Outstanding International Ethnopharmacology Award “Pranab Banerji Memorial Award”:
  Prof. Micheal Heindrich, Centre for Pharmacognosy and Phytotherapy, UCL School of Pharmacy, Univ. London.
- “SFE - Best Entrepreneur Award”:
  Mr. Birendra Kumar Sarkar, Managing Director, Parker Robinson Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata, India
• “SFE - Merit of Excellence Award”: Dr. S. P. Thyagarajan, Professor of Eminence and Dean (Research), Sri Ramachandra University, Porur, Chennai, India
• “SFE - Outstanding Service Award”: Dr. D. Chamundeswari, Principal, Faculty of Pharmacy, Sri Ramachandra University, Porur, Chennai
• SFE - Herbal Industry Leader Award: Natural Remedies Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, India