

**PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING OF OFFICE BEARERS OF ASSOCIATION OF  
AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIANS AND DOCUMENTALISTS OF INDIA (AALDI)  
HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2020 THROUGH VIRTUAL PLATFORM**

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The meeting of office bearers of AALDI was organized on 18th December, 2020 using virtual platform at 11:00 a.m. in view of the COVID-19 pandemic situation and the following were present:

1. Dr. K. Veeranjanyulu, President
2. Dr. U. S. Jadhav, Senior Vice-President (SAU)
3. Dr. C.S. Banker, Vice-President (ICAR)
4. Dr. K. N. Kandpal, General Secretary
5. Dr. H. K. Tripathi, Joint Secretary (ICAR)
6. Dr. N. Naganna, Joint Secretary (SAU)
7. Dr. Balwan Singh,
8. Dr. RekhrajSahu
9. Dr. T. Sreenivasa Rao
10. Mrs. Yashoda Negi
11. Shri Satyavir Chaudhary
12. Mr. Narendra Singh Rohila

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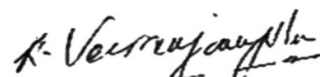
Dr. K. Veeranjanyulu, President, AALDI, welcomed the office bearers for the meeting and Dr. K. N. Kandpal, General Secretary, was requested to proceed with the agenda items related to AALDI AWARDS. In the meeting, the following points were discussed.

### **Agenda Items: AALDI AWARDS**

Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists of India institutes a number of awards to recognize and encourage Life Members of AALDI who contributes towards the development of agricultural librarianship. The awards will be awarded to Agricultural Librarians who have excelled in professional competence as assessed by appropriate criteria. The awards are listed below with criteria for evaluation. Please note **that only Life Members of AALDI are eligible for the awards**. Non-members, if otherwise, found eligible for any award, the President may consider them for special awards and the awards shall be approved by the Executive Council of AALDI.

#### **INSTITUTION OF AWARDS**

1. Under the category of 'Award', only those recognitions are included which are having a set of selection procedure after evaluation of the achievements of the candidates by a panel of experts.
2. **"Fellowship of AALDI"** is the highest award of AALDI and it should be awarded to an esteemed Agricultural Librarian (Minimum 10 years has AALDI Life Member) who is at least 50 years of age and had contributed significantly in advancement of librarianship with special reference to agricultural librarianship for at least 25 years.
3. **"AALDI Awards"** will be awarded to a candidate in a category only once and it will not be awarded second time to anyone in the same category.



4. Every award should carry pre-fix AALDI and suffix “Year of award e.g. AALDI.....Award-2020”.
5. The President or Secretary General (on behalf of President) will constitute a panel for evaluating through scoring on specific proforma the applicants work or presentation as the case may be and the score given by the panel will be considered for preparing merit list.
6. At a time AALDI members are allowed to apply for two categories of Awards to give opportunity to maximum number of life members.

## **I. FELLOW OF ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIANS OF INDIA (F.A.A.L.D.I.)**

### **Rules of the Award**

1. Outstanding Agricultural Librarians based on their contribution to the development of agricultural librarianship/Association building activity can apply for the Fellowship.
2. The applicant should be an Agricultural Librarian of eminence with at least 50 years of age and had contributed significantly in advancement of Library and Information Science for 25 years with a standing of 10 years as Life Member of AALDI with good publication record.
3. The application shall include the following which needs to be submitted to the General Secretary:
  - **Self-Appraisal Report of 250 words** which may form part of the citation if selected for the award.
  - Full biodata including with all contributions in Agricultural Librarianship
  - A self-assessment of the excellence in publications as indicated by cumulative scores of impact factor, citation indices or other widely known indices of scientific performances.
  - Reprints/copies of 5 best publications.

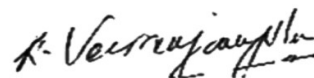
## **II. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The AALDI Lifetime Achievement Awards will be awarded to living Life Members of AALDI who have exhibited a lifetime of achievement in agricultural librarianship at the national level. The Lifetime Achievement Award may also be given posthumously. The Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented annually at the AALDI Annual Conference.

### **Rules of the Award**

1. The AALDI Lifetime Achievement Award is for lifetime achievement rather than for a single contribution, no matter how monumental. Nominees should have a minimum of 25 years of distinguished service to agricultural librarianship.
2. The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented for achievement in leadership, teaching, and service. Distinction in these categories can be demonstrated through:
  - performance of the nominee on the job;
  - service beyond the requirements of the job at the state, and national/international level;
  - service to AALDI such as: offices held, committee memberships, special projects, meetings, publications.





3. Each nomination submission should be supported by a letter of nomination, the nominee's resume.
4. The letter of nomination should include the name, address, and contact details.
5. The nominee's resume should detail education; work experience; service at the district, state, national, and international level; publications; talks at conferences; and service to AALDI or other professional organizations.
6. The number of Lifetime Achievement Awards per year will be decided by the President with the approval of the Executive Council of AALDI.
7. Self-nominations are allowed.
8. Nominations / Self-nominations that are not successful may be updated and resubmitted in another year.
9. Nominations may be sent by e-mail to the General Secretary.

### **III. AALDI YOUNG LIBRARIAN AWARDS (2 Nos.)**

AALDI considers young librarians as its future of profession and encourages them by rewarding and awarding by a number of awards and honours. There are two awards for young Agricultural Librarians presenting scientific papers during annual conference. Two best presentations are considered for the award.

#### **Rules of the Award:**

1. The scientific papers may be on any topic with a bearing on Library and Information Science
2. The first recipient of the award should be a Life Member of AALDI.
3. The work in question must have been carried out exclusively in any institution in India.
4. The person who is presenting the papers should be one of the authors and not have completed 40 years of age and must have made major contribution to the work.
5. The presentation should be completed in 8-10 minutes with 2 more minutes for discussion, depending upon the availability of time.
6. The President, AALDI shall constitute a committee to select the Awardees and the decision of the judges will be final.
7. The papers adjudged for awards would be published in Indian Journal of Agricultural Library and Information Science. Hence, a copy of the full paper with photographs, tables, etc. should be submitted to the Chief Editor after the Conference.
8. This Award contains certificate (to all authors) and memento (to young author).

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

1. Details and rules of AALDI Awards may be seen in AALDI website ([www.aaldi.in](http://www.aaldi.in))
2. Each Award application will have a cover page of check list.
3. There is no any fee for the applicants of any award of AALDI



4. Soft copy of Award application may be sent by email to the General Secretary, AALDI one month before Annual Conference every year.

After detailed discussions, the following decisions arrived and approved.

1. **Award of Fellowship of Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists of India (F.A.A.D.I.)**

The proposal has been agreed and approved unanimously without any modifications.

2. **Lifetime Achievement Award**

During discussion on this agenda, few members suggested to reduce the minimum criteria i.e. 25 years of experience to 20 years and the age limit from 50 years. However, majority of the members opined that these criteria should be maintained. Finally the following criteria were approved:

1. Minimum of 50 years age
2. Minimum of 25 years of professional experience
3. At least 10 years Life Membership in AALDI

3. **AALDI Young Librarian Awards (2 Nos.)**

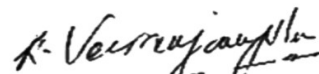
The proposal has been agreed and approved unanimously without any modifications.

During discussions, few office bearers opined that working culture of SAU and ICAR Institutes are different so that the award criteria of the both award should be considered separately. The President has assured that equal weightage will be given to Librarians of SAUs and ICAR.

Dr T. Srinivasa Rao expressed his willingness to sponsor one more “**Best Librarian Award**”. After detailed discussions, it was agreed and the President suggested to frame the rules and criteria for this award through a Committee for taking further action in this regard.

The Meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. U.S. Jadhav, Senior Vice-President (SAU)

  
**Dr. K.N. Kandpal**  
General Secretary, AALDI

  
**President, AALDI**