



Dr. B. K. Mahajan Award



- The B.K Mahajan award is given in the memory of late Dr. B K Mahajan to the best research paper published in IJCM during one calendar year (in one volume, excluding the special supplements and supported articles).
- The award is conferred to the first author of the article, as a certificate signed by the President & Secretary General of IAPSM and the Chief Editor of IJCM. It is given during the GB Meeting or in the valedictory function of the National Annual Conference of IAPSM.
- All articles which qualify as original studies (does not include editorials, CME, viewpoints, meta-analysis, systemic reviews, letter to editors etc.) are only considered.
- A panel of judges, drawn from the senior/ eminent members of IAPSM, is selected. The judges have to declare a no conflict of interest.
- Initial screening is done by the members of the Editorial board and Editorial team at Headquarters, to shortlist up to 15 articles, which are then circulated amongst the judges for final scoring.
- Evaluation criteria are as follows.

Evaluation Criteria	Good	Average	Poor
1. Addition of new knowledge	10	6	2
2. Originality	10	6	2
3. Scientific quality	10	6	2
4. Research question/ objectives well defined	5	3	1
5. Methods (Sampling, Study design)	20	12	4
6. Results- Well-presented and lucid	10	6	2
7. "Interpretation and conclusions – reflect study results	15	10	5
8. References as per IJCM format	5	3	1
9. Abstract	5	3	1
10. Readability/ language/ grammar/ syntax	5	3	1
11. Ethical Aspects addressed	5	3	1
12. Total Score	100	61	22

From 2019 onwards, the following changes were made.

- It was decided that the paper getting the highest score would be awarded the BK Mahajan award while those receiving second and third highest scores should be awarded Second and Third best papers published in IJCM (in that year).
- BK Mahajan awardee, in addition to the certificate, will receive:
 - a memento from IJCM,
 - refund of submission and processing charges for the article (excluding GST),
 - reimbursement of conference registration fees (subject to submission of original receipt),
 - reimbursement of to and fro travel expenses, from workplace to conference venue, upto 2AC train fare (or actual whichever is lesser) subject to the submission of original travel documents
- Second and Third awardee will receive a certificate signed by CE IJCM, a memento and refund of submission and processing charges.