

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
Prof S P Ray-Chaudhuri 75th Birthday Endowment Lecture
Prof Rita Mulherkar Lecture Award

These special lectures will be held at the XLII All India Cell Biology Conference (Dec 21-23, 2018, BITS Pilani, Goa).

Prof. S P Ray-Chaudhuri was the first President of the Indian Society of Cell Biology when it formally came into being in 1976. He was doyen among the cytologists of that time in India. His contributions to teaching and research are beautifully summarized by Prof. Rajiva Raman (**Sachi Prasad Ray-Chaudhuri: The First President of the ISCB**) in the December 2017 issue of Cell Biology Newsletter. Having trained under Prof. H. J. Muller in Edinburgh, he initiated research in the areas of radiation genetics and comparative cytogenetics in Calcutta University. He moved to Varanasi as the Head of the Department of Zoology at Banaras Hindu University. After his retirement he went back to Calcutta University and continued to work till mid 1980s. He breathed his last in the year 1994 at 87 years of age. Indian Society of Cell Biology created an endowment fund on his 75th birthday and created the lecture series - **Prof S P Ray-Chaudhuri 75th Birthday Endowment Lecture** in 1982. Since its inception there has been 16 lectures till date including Drs Obaid Siddiqi (1984), A T Natarajan (1986), H Sharat Chandra (1990), A N Bhisey (2000), S Chattopahyay (2016). The complete list is available on the website of the society.

Prof. Rita Mulherkar has contributed extensively to the area of cellular and molecular biology of cancer. She worked as a Senior scientist at the erstwhile Cancer Research Institute, now ACTREC, Tata Memorial Centre until January 2014. She specialized in the area of oncology, working mainly on head and neck cancers using genetic and genomic approaches and was also interested in Gene Therapy. She made the first transgenic mouse in the country that had a distinct phenotype and is still being used as a model to study hair follicles and skin carcinogenesis. She has also actively contributed to the growth of ISCB being the member of its executive committee on several occasions and its President from 2009 to 2011. The Indian Society of Cell Biology instituted the **Professor Rita Mulherkar Lecture Award** as a mark of its respect to her in recognition of her contributions to Cellular and Molecular Biology of Cancer. The first lecture was delivered by Dr. Amit Mishra in 2016.

ISCB invites nominations from Life and ordinary members of the Society (with at least three years standing) for both the lectures. The person being nominated should have made outstanding original contributions to Cellular and Molecular Biology leading to substantial growth of this subject in India. She/he may not be a member of the society.

In case of Professor Rita Mulherkar Lecture Award the person being nominated should not be more than 45 years of age as on 31st December 2018. The nominating member is requested to obtain the consent and biodata of the nominee and submit it along with the nomination form (as below) by email at iscbdelhi@gmail.com or by post to:

Pradeep Kumar Burma
Secretary, ISCB
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The last date for receiving nominations is 15th October 2018.

NOMINATION FORM FOR
**THE PROF.S.P.RAY-CHAUDHURI 75th BIRTHDAY ENDOWMENT LECTURE /
PROF. RITA MULHERKAR LECTURE AWARD***

(* Please strike out which ever is not applicable)

Name & Address of the member making the nomination:

Nomination:

I wish to nominate

Address:

for the PROF. S.P.RAY-CHAUDHURI 75th BIRTHDAY ENDOWMENT LECTURE/
PROF. RITA MULHERKAR LECTURE AWARD (please strike out which ever is not
applicable). Also please ensure that the age of the person being nominated for Prof.
Rita Mulherkar Lecture Award is not more than 45 years as on 31st December 2018.

I have obtained consent of the nominee for the purpose. The biodata etc. of the
nominee are enclosed herewith.

Date:

Signature of the nominating member