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Regulations for the Venus International Foundation Research Awards

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REGULATIONS GOVERNING VENUS INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AWARDS

1. PREAMBLE

1.1 **The Scheme:** Venus International Research Awards-VIRA scheme was instituted in the year 2015 by the Centre for Advanced Research and Design-CARD of Venus International Foundation-VIF. It is presented yearly during the Annual Research Meet-ARM (that is conducted during November/December month of the year) and the scheme has a Criteria, Standards, Regulations, Application Form, Expert Committee and Judging Process etc that are governed by the Board of Trust.

Vision : To celebrate creative minds of world
Mission : To recognize 'Expertly Qualified-Highly Cited Research Professionals' who are committed to finding solutions to the daunting challenges.
Objectives : To honour the individuals for extraordinary achievements and significant contributions in the field of Agricultural Science, Engineering, Medical Science, Science, Management, and Humanities and Social Science.

1.2 The Trust Controlling/Managing the Programme/Event:

1.2.1 Name of the trust/controlling/ managing/the event:

Venus International Foundation-VIF

1.2.2 Address of the trust/society managing the event:

Venus International Foundation, No.1, Ganesh Nagar Main Road, Adambakkam, Chennai - 600088, Tamilnadu, India

1.2.3 Date of establishment/registration of the Trust/Society:

January 20, 2015

1.2.4 Legal Entity:

Registration: VIF is a legally registered as a trust u/s 3 of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 vide deed no.18/2015/BK-IV dt. 20th January 2015 at Velachery-SRO, Govt. of Tamilnadu, India.

Trade Mark: The Foundation is regd. with Trade Marks Registry, India-600032 dt. May 27, 2015

ISO: VIF has compliance with ISO 9001:2008 by UASL,

England vide No.QMS/02616/ 0615 dt. June 4, 2015.

Taxes: The VIF accounts (Books of accounts-Cash book-Deeds-Disbursements-Vouchers-Receipts-Register of moveable or immovable properties-Other documents or Records) are maintained regularly in accordance with the provisions of the Act and are audited every year by our Chartered Accountant as per the Standards /policies. The VIF filing a copy of the balance sheet, income and expenditure account that are forwarded by the auditor. The VIF (P.A.N:AABTV9686L & 12A URNo: AABTV9686L/05/17-18/T-0121 of IT Jurisdiction: NON CORP.W D 22(1)TBM, under the Income Tax Act 1961, Govt. of India) is paying Service Tax (Code: AABTV9686LSD001 for the Event management services) u/s 65(40)of the Finance Act, 1994 Govt. of India.

1.3 Activities Credibility of the Trust:

Refer the details at: <http://venusinfo.org/aboutus.html>

1.4 Source of income of the Trust to run the event:

Event Registration Fee

1.5 Financial status of the Managing Trust/Society:

Refer the Annual Report at:

venusinfo.org/aboutus/annualreports.html

2. VENUS INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AWARDS-VIRA

2.1 The Award: Certificate, Bronze Medal & Memento. It's a Non-financial Award.

2.2 The Venus International Research Awards-VIRA (is a part of the Annual Research Meet-ARM) 'Celebrating the Creative Minds of World' by proudly recognizing 'Expertly Qualified Research Professionals' who are committed to finding solutions to the daunting challenges.

2.3 The VIRA 2017 is convened by the CARD of VIF & conducted in accordance with the VIF BOARD MEETING resolution vide F. No. VIF/MIN/BM-III/2017 held on June 19, 2017 at VIF Head Quarters.

2.4 General Eligibility:

a) The Award is applicable for working professional of any nationality in the age group of 27-62 years.

b) The applicant must have completed Doctorate degree (Ph.D. or

equivalent) prior to the date of submission of application.

c) If it is not possible or customary to take a doctorate in the candidate's subject or country, an application may be submitted up to 19 years after completing a Master's degree, provided that the publication record is commensurate with the candidate's career stage.

3. BROAD DISCIPLINES AND AWARD CATEGORIES

3.1 The VIRA 2017 invites nominations vide F. No. VIF/CFN/RA/2017 opened on 3 July 2017 from eligible individuals those are in 'Continuous Regular Service in Research or Academic Institution/ Agency' and working in the frontiers of

- (i) Agricultural Science
- (ii) Engineering
- (iii) Medical Science
- (iv) Science
- (v) Management
- (vi) Humanities and Social Science

3.2 There are four categories of awards under VIRA 2017

- (i) Lifetime Achievement
- (ii) Distinguished Scientist
- (iii) Outstanding Scientist
- (iv) Young Scientist

4. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is established in 2015 for the contribution to the Fundamental Discoveries, New Theories, or Insights have had an Impact on their own discipline and beyond and cutting-edge achievements.

4.1 Contribution: Exceptional research record of significant contribution to the laboratory/institute/industry. The qualification of the nominee must be recognized and documented by corresponding successes in research, such as Grants, Patents, Collaboration with Industries/Institutions,

Contracts, Publications (Articles and Books), Special Awards and other specific accomplishments.

4.2 Eligibility: A working professional can nominate an 'Eligible Individual' (or Self Nominate) for the VIRA 2017. He /She must be above 55 years of age as on June 30, 2017

5. DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST AWARD

This award is established in 2015 for the contribution to the Fundamental Discoveries, New Theories, or Insights have had an Impact on their own discipline and beyond

5.1 Contribution: Exceptional research record of significant contribution to the laboratory/institute/industry. The qualification of the nominee must be recognized and documented by corresponding successes in research, such as Grants, Patents, Collaboration with Industries/Institutions, Contracts, Publications (Articles and Books) and other specific accomplishments

5.2 Eligibility: A working professional can nominate an 'Eligible Individual' (or Self Nominate) for the VIRA 2017. He /She must be under 55 years of age as on June 30, 2017

6. OUTSTANDING SCIENTIST AWARD

This award is established in 2015 for the contribution to the Fundamental Discoveries, New Theories, or Insights have had an Impact on their own discipline and beyond.

6.1 Contribution: Exceptional research record of significant contribution to the laboratory/institute/industry. The qualification of the nominee must be recognized and documented by corresponding successes in research, such as Grants, Patents, Collaboration with Industries/Institutions, Contracts and Publications (Articles and Books)

6.2 Eligibility: A working professional can nominate an 'Eligible Individual' (or Self Nominate) for the VIRA 2017. He / She must be under 45 years of age as on June 30, 2017

7. YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

This award is established in 2015 for the contribution to the Fundamental Discoveries, New Theories, or Insights have had an Impact on their own discipline and beyond.

7.1 Contribution: Exceptional research record of significant contribution to the laboratory/institute / industry. The qualification of the nominee must be recognized and documented by corresponding successes in research, such as Collaboration with Industries/Institutions, Contracts, Grants and Publications (Articles and Books)

7.2 Eligibility: A working professional can nominate an 'Eligible Individual' (or Self Nominate) for the VIRA 2017. He /She must be under 35 years of age as on June 30, 2017

8. SUBMISSION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

8.1 Submission: Following are the list of documents to be submitted for Nomination

- The filled application form in a PDF/.Doc/.Docx format
 - Duly completed curriculum vitae (of any structure/pages) in a PDF format
 - Pass port size photograph (JPEG/PNG format)
 - Scan copy of the Doctoral Degree (or equivalent) Certificate in a PDF/JPEG/PNG format
 - Scan copy of the work place ID (PDF/JPEG/PNG format)
- The nomination documents must be submitted electronically to: vira2017@venusinfo.org (or) directorvifindia@gmail.com
- Application form can be accessed at: <http://viraw.info/vira-2017.html>

8.2 Process: The nominees will be selected based on the Expert Committee report and APEX Committee recommendations.

- Step-1: Nomination documents will be sent for screening process (preliminary selection)
- Step-2: Acknowledgement intimation will be communicated to the Nominee

- Step-3: VIRA Team may ask the proof for the credits mentioned in the CV. (Optional)
- Step-4: Cross verifying the data submitted & forwarding it to the Committee
- Step-5: The selected nominees will be communicated with a formal letter via email
- Step-6: Registration Process
- Step-7: Release of the Award Winners List in the Official Webpage
- Step-8: Award Presentation Ceremony
- Step-9: Release of the ARM & VIRA 2017 Report

8.3 Judging Criteria: The VIRA 2017 Judging is a peer review process, based on nomination documents submitted by the eligible individual. The panel (from diverse backgrounds, working individually) will be looking for exceptional research record of significant contribution to the laboratory/institute/industry like Grants-Patents-Collaboration with Industries/Institutions- Contracts-Publications (Articles and Books)-Special Awards-Other Accomplishments. The panel is instructed to score entries from 0 to 100, using the criteria. The VIF aggregates the scores to determine each category. The panel decision is final and binding

- For each Specialization/Subdivision (Eg. Distinguished Scientist-Engineering/Mechanical), the expert committee will select 2 Nominees. However the Apex Committee reserve the rights to honour less or more than 2 nominees in any category who meet standards set by the expert committee.

8.4 Important Dates

- Last date to submit Nomination via email : September 30, 2017
- To submit the supporting documents : October 16, 2017
- Announcement of Winners : Before Oct. 16, 2017
- Award Presentation/Celebration : November 11, 2017

9. The Annual Research Meet

9.1 Nature of the event: It is a self-supporting event. The registration fees are the major source of revenue for running the event. All the expenses of the events (Planning, Promotion & Publicity, Equipment/Major Rentals,

Photography, Lunch and Breaks, Materials, Gifts/Premiums, Publications, Taxes, Execution and Miscellaneous Costs, Website & Its Maintenance etc) are covered by the event income (registration fees from the participants) and Foundation operating funds.

9.2 Frequency of the event: Annual Meet held every year in November/December at Chennai city

9.3 Event History:

- ✪ 2nd ARM held on December 3, 2016, Le Royal Meridien, Chennai (229 Participants from 19 Nations; <http://viraw.info/fa16/list.html>)
- ✪ 1st ARM held December 19, 2015, Le Royal Meridien, Chennai City (280 Participants from 7 Nations; <http://vifa.info/fa15list/winners.html>)

9.4 Benefits of attending the event:

The energy of likeminded individuals can meet experts & influencers face to face- New Tools/Tips/Tactics-Greater Focus-Networking -The ability to share ideas and get immediate feedback from credible individuals- Learning beyond a field or interest-Investing in Yourself- Evaluate the latest technologies that can potentially help grow your research projects

9.5 Registration Fee

- ✪ Participants working in Foreign Institutions: USD 200
- ✪ Participants working in Indian Institutions: USD 100
- ✪ Additional Banquet: USD 25

Registration includes access to all sessions and invited speakers, Participation Certificate and One High Buffet Lunch Coupon and Breaks. However, The registration does not include the travel and accommodation cost of the participants. Additional charges are applicable for accompanying person(s). The registration fees collected will also supports the long term development of the Meet and to keep the ARM format viable by ensuring that infrastructure and services are in place from year to year.

9.6 Event Publications

- ✪ 3rd ARM Report
- ✪ 3rd VIRA Report
- ✪ Exclusive Webpage for the Winner

10. AWARD PRESENTATION

The VIRA 2017 will be celebrated on November 11, 2017 at Radha Regent, Chennai. The Awards will be bestowed to the Winners by the ARM Guest of Honours.

11. HEADQUARTERS

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