

Australasian Grain Science Association Service Award

The service award recognizes exceptional and sustained service to the Australasian Grain Science Association (AGSA). The award is sponsored by Megazyme International Ltd and is commonly called the Megazyme Award.

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Title: The Australasian Grain Science Association Service Award will be known as the Megazyme Award while sponsorship is provided by Megazyme International Ltd.

Purpose: The award is made in recognition of exceptional and sustained service to AGSA.

Eligibility: The award is open to anyone who has contributed significantly to the functioning of AGSA. A person once receiving the award shall not again be eligible for nomination.

The Award: The sponsorship and naming rights are conferred and so can be negated if required by AGSA Council. In the absence of a sponsor, the award reverts to Council. The award shall take the form of a plaque, suitable inscribed and an honorarium, to be determined from time to time by Council in consultation with the sponsor.

Frequency of the award: The award shall be offered annually. The award is a surprise, presented at the Annual Conference dinner. It shall not be awarded if in the opinion of the Selection Committee, no suitable candidate has been nominated or is available at the conference.

Responsibilities of the awardee: No formal responsibilities, but it is desirable that the awardee be at the Annual Conference dinner to receive the award.

Nominations: The Selection Committee may call for and accept nominations for the award, but it is not limited by the nominations received and may bestow the award on any member.

Responsibility for administration of the award: The responsibility for the administration of the award is vested with AGSA Council who will appoint a Selection Committee of three to consider nominations. The Selection Committee will comprise the Awards Committee chairman (as chair), AGSA chairman and Conference chairman, or their proxies, and shall meet at the Annual Conference. In the event that a member of the Selection Committee is nominated for the award, that member shall resign from the Selection Committee and Council will appoint a replacement member.

Guidelines for the Selection Committee: The award is in recognition of exceptional and sustained service to AGSA. The Selection Committee will be responsible for preparing a "surprise" resume which will be presented by a representative of the sponsor of the award, or if they are unavailable, by the chairman of Council or his/her nominee at the Annual Conference dinner, or at another occasion as directed by resolution of Council.