

ACIPA PRIZES

One of the principal objectives of the ACIPA is to foster a spirit of unity among physicists of Indian origin living in North America. To this end, we establish two annual prizes, called the "ACIPA Distinguished Scholar Prize," and the "ACIPA Outstanding Young Physicist Prize." A third award, "ACIPA Lifetime Achievement Award," will be given rarely, only if a qualified individual can be identified by the committee. The announcements and the nomination guidelines are given below.

We plan to award the prizes at a special session of a major APS meeting, where the recipients will be invited to give talks.

We seek donations toward establishing an endowment to make the prizes self sustaining in the long run. If funds permit, we plan to raise the prize amount in the future. The nominators and supporters are encouraged to become members of the ACIPA (see <http://theacipa.org> for further information).

The deadline for nomination is October 1 (extended to January 15 for 2008/9 cycle) of each year. Nominations will remain active for two years. The nominations and the supporting material are to be sent electronically to the chair of the ACIPA Prize Committee at the email address given below:

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The recipients of the prizes will be selected by an independent committee of physicists, to be appointed by the ACIPA.

link: [ACIPA Outstanding Young Physicist Prize Winners](#)

link: [ACIPA Distinguished Scholar Prize Winners](#)

link: [ACIPA Lifetime Achievement Award Winners](#)

ACIPA Prize Committees

2009: Ravindra N. Bhatt (chair, ravin@princeton.edu) Princeton University, Abhay Ashtekar, Pennsylvania State University, Umesh Garg, University of Notre Dame, V.M. (Nitant) Kenkre, University of New Mexico, Rajarshi Roy, University of Maryland at College Park

2008: Ravindra N. Bhatt, Princeton University, Umesh Garg (chair, garg@nd.edu), University of Notre Dame, V.M. (Nitant) Kenkre, University of New Mexico, Jogesh Pati, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Stanford University, Rajarshi Roy, University of Maryland at College Park

2007: Ravindra N. Bhatt, Princeton University Umesh Garg, University of Notre Dame Jainendra K. Jain (chair), The Pennsylvania State University Jogesh Pati, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Stanford University ACIPA Outstanding Young Physicist Prize

Purpose: To recognize and to encourage outstanding contributions to physics by a person of Indian origin working in North America.

Only persons within twelve years of the completion of their Ph.D. (at the time of nomination deadline) will be eligible for this award. Given that the prize was initiated in 2006, in the course of the next four years from the present (until 2011), under exceptional circumstances, the committee may consider nominations for persons within fourteen years of the completion of Ph.D. However, such cases must be appropriately justified.

Nature: The prize will consist of \$500 and a certificate citing the contributions made by the recipient. The prize will ordinarily be awarded to one person annually.

The nomination should include:

- 1 A brief statement describing the research work for which the candidate is nominated.
- 2 A proposed citation.
- 3 A biographical sketch.
- 4 Three letters of support.

ACIPA Distinguished Scholar Prize

Purpose: To recognize outstanding contributions to physics by a person of Indian origin working in North America.

Nature: The prize will consist of \$1,000 and a certificate citing the contributions made by the recipient. The prize will ordinarily be awarded to one person annually. The prize committee serves as advisory to the executive committee and the president. The president will formally announce the award.

The nomination should include

- 1 A brief statement describing the research work for which the candidate is nominated.
- 2 A proposed citation.
- 3 A biographical sketch (if available).

Letters of support are NOT to be submitted; they might be solicited by the committee if deemed necessary.

ACIPA Lifetime Achievement Award

Purpose: To recognize exceptional lifetime contributions to physics by a person of Indian origin working in North America. This award will not be given annually, but only when an eminent senior physicist can be identified by the committee. Nominations are NOT sought.

PAST ACIPA AWARDEES

(variously called the ACIPA Award, ACIPA Distinguished Scientist Award, "guest of honor" or "featured speaker")

- 2008: Jainendra Jain, The Pennsylvania State University (Distinguished Scholar Prize) (March), Shamit Kachru, Stanford University (Outstanding Young Physicist Prize) & Chetan Nayak, University of California at Santa Barbara and Senior Researcher, Microsoft Station Q (Outstanding Young Physicist Prize) (March)
E.C.G. Sudarshan, University of Texas at Austin (Lifetime Achievement Award) (March)
- 2007: Abhay Ashtekar, The Pennsylvania State University (Distinguished Scholar Prize) (April) Jay Gupta, The Ohio State University (Outstanding Young Physicist Prize) (March)
C.K.N. Patel, Pranalytica Inc and University of California at Los Angeles (Lifetime Achievement Award) (March)
- 2001: Kameshwar Wali, Syracuse U. (April)
- 2000: Rabindra Mohapatra, U. Maryland (April)
- 1999: George Sudarshan, U. Texas (April)
- 1998: N. Anantaraman, MSU ("Distinguished Service Award") (April)
- 1996: K.R. Sreenivasan, Yale U. (March)
- 1993: Venkatesh Narayanamurti, U. California Santa Barbara (March)
- 1992: Ravindra Bhatt, Princeton U. (March)
A.P. Balachandran, Syracuse U. (April)
- 1991: Gopal K. Shenoy, Argonne Natl. Lab (March)
Gaurang Yodh, U. California - Irvine (April)
- 1990: A. Jayaraman, AT&T Bell Labs (March) Rangaswamy Raghavan, AT&T Bell Labs (April)
- 1989: Anant K. Ramdas, Purdue U. (March APS meeting)
Jogesh Pati, U. Maryland (April APS meeting)