

BSTP Chirukandath Gopinath Lecture

Background to the award:

Dr. Chirukandath Gopinath, BVSc, PhD, MVSc, FRCPath is a long standing member of the BSTP and eminent scientist who has contributed to science in toxicologic pathology through more than 60 peer-reviewed publications, reviews, and book chapters. His book *The Atlas of Experimental Toxicologic Pathology* co-written with David Lewis and David Prentice (1988) remains an essential standard reference in the field. During his long and distinguished career, Dr Gopinath has also been an exemplary coach and teacher. Formal positions held include chair of the BSTP's Education Committee, examiner and chair of the exam panel in veterinary pathology for the Royal College of Pathologists, examiner for the Toxicology Specialty of the Royal College of Pathologists, and European director of the International Academy of Toxicologic Pathologists. He has held various university appointments, including visiting lecturer in toxicological pathology at the University of Surrey, the University of London, and the University of Toulouse in France. Dr. Gopinath has been a frequent contributor to BSTP educational modules as well as organising educational events in toxicologic pathology around the world.

The "Gopinath Award" was established as a sign of recognition for distinguished scientists in toxicologic pathology or related fields.

The award, instigated by the BSTP in 2008, was due in part to the BSTP's involvement in the organisation of the scientific programme of the 2008 Annual ESTP Congress held in Edinburgh. To mark the occasion, the BSTP sponsored the keynote lecture and it was hoped that this sponsorship could continue at future ESTP Congresses.

The sponsored lecture was called the **BSTP Chirukandath Gopinath Lecture** in tribute to one of the founder members of the BSTP whose name is recognised by toxicological pathologists all over the world. At the request of Dr Gopinath, the lecture is to be on a topic in pathology relevant to practicing toxicological pathologists.

Criteria:

- The work of the nominee should be recognized as advancing the understanding of toxicologic pathology
- The nominee should be involved in teaching and/or mentoring junior pathologists
- The nominee should have an outstanding publication record
- The nominee should have been engaged in formal teaching activities at conferences and continuing education workshops

Timing of the Lecture:

The lecture will usually be made at the ESTP Annual Meeting and the presentation will be made prior to the start of the lecture by a member of the BSTP Council.

Nominations:

Nominations for the award should be made to Council by the ESTP conference organising committee. The decision on the suitability of a nominee will be made by the elected members of Council, usually from a shortlisted group of keynote presenters at the conference. ***The deadline for nominations is 1st July.***



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Award:

The award consists of a glass and stone plaque for the recipient, presented, where possible by a member of the BSTP Council.

The BSTP will also provide financial sponsorship by paying up to £1,500 towards the keynote speakers travel expenses. If the BSTP reimburse the speaker direct, a copy of the expense claim and receipts should be sent to the BSTP. If the payment is made by the ESTP, the BSTP needs to see a copy of the expense claim so that the appropriate amount can be reimbursed.