IASTAM INTERNATIONAL ORATION and AWARD

IASTAM with support from M/S EMAMI Limited, the well-known corporate conglomerate is pleased to announce the IASTAM – Zandu International Oration Award, for 'Excellence in Research Contribution to Ayurvedic and / or Natural Products'. This award that was given first time in 2015, is now instituted as a regular award to recognize an international expert who has made significant research contributions internationally on development of Ayurvedic or natural products. Further, the earlier IASTAM – Zandu Bhatt Oration has now been upgraded as another international, 'Zandu International Oration Award for Excellence in Research Contribution to Ayurvedic and / or Natural Products to recognize contributions to the field by an Indian citizen.

These two oration awards in the name of Zandu are of significance. More than 100 years back Zandu Bhattji (*Rajvaidya Karuna shankar Bhatt of Jamnagar*) pioneered mass scale production of Ayurvedic Products. Today the Zandu Ayurvedic and Herbal Health Care products are available in every corner of India and in all major international markets. The <u>Zandu Foundation for Healthcare</u> [ZFHC] with modern facilities conducts and promotes research and development activities in the field of Ayurvedic health care to fulfill its social commitments. To augment the natural sources of crude drugs and meet the increased demand for endangered medicinal plants is the prime objective of ZFHC. Zandu International Oration and Award are now instituted by IASTAM – India with additional financial contributions from EMAMI Limited, Kolkatta.

The Awardees shall be invited to deliver the 'Oration' and the 'Award' will be in the form of a 'Roll of Honor' and a 'Trophy'.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

The nomination panel shall comprise of three members; one representative expert from EMAMI, the president of IASTAM – India or its nominee and a renowned research expert in the field. Names of three nominees agreed by the nomination panel for each of the awards will be submitted to the IASTAM – India Award Selection Committee. The final awardee from the three nominees will be selected by the selection committee as per procedure laid down.
