

Guidelines for the Biophysics and Physicobiology (BPPB) Awards

1. Title

Japanese: BPPB Ronbunsho

English: Award for outstanding BPPB paper

2. Purpose

This award is given by the Biophysical Society of Japan to authors who contributed to the advancement of biophysics and to BPPB journal and its predecessor, BIOPHYSICS journal. The Society selects an article among papers that were published during a specific time span before the year of the award and have an established reputation. The award will go to a groundbreaking article of which importance has been recognized.

3. Eligibility

Eligible articles are those that were published in BIOPHYSICS or BPPB between two to seven years before the year of the award (from January of the year X-7 through December of the year X-2, where X is the year of the award). The award is open to members and non-members of the Biophysical Society of Japan (a member need not be included among the authors).

4. Recommendation for candidate articles

The following committee or members can recommend candidate articles to the Selection Committee by attaching a letter of recommendation. Articles that have not been awarded previously may be recommended any number of times. The maximum number of articles that can be recommended in each year is specified as follows:

BPPB editorial committee – up to five articles

Branch chiefs – one article each

General members --no limitation

5. Composition of Selection Committee

The Selection Committee comprises seven members: the president of the Biophysical Society of Japan, the vice president (who serves as the chairman of the committee), the Editor-in-Chief of BPPB, and four people recommended by the Biophysical Society of

Japan Board of Directors. When paper(s) contributed by the Selection Committee member(s) is (are) assigned as the candidate(s) of the Award, The Biophysical Society of Japan will decide the other person(s) to whom the corresponding Selection Committee member(s) will be replaced.

6. Selection

The Selection Committee will deliberate on all the recommended papers, select up to one award candidate, seek approval from the publication committee, and then submit its recommendation to the Board with its reasons for the recommendation. The Board then will deliberate on the article proposed by the Selection Committee. Among the selection criteria, the Board will consider:1) The scores given to the content of the paper by each of the Selection Committee members;2) the committee's stated reasons for its recommendation; and,3) objective evaluation criteria, such as the number of times the article has been cited before selection.

7. Announcement and commendation of winners

The Biophysical Society of Japan will promptly notify the winners after the decision, and will announce the award-winning article and reasons for selection on the Society website, and in the BPPB journal and in the Japanese-language SEIBUTSU BUTSURI journal. Awards will be given during the annual meeting of the Biophysical Society of Japan. If the first author or other responsible author of the winning article is a member of the Biophysical Society of Japan at the time of annual meeting, the author may be invited to present an honorary lecture at the meeting.

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