

Naresh Magan Lecture Award

Professor Naresh Magan (1953-2023) was a hugely productive scientist, authoring close to 400 scientific articles over his career and supervising more than 75 PhD and 100 M.Sc. students. Since 1986, Naresh worked at Cranfield University (UK), specialising in applied microbiology. He participated in and contributed to many academic societies, including the British Society for Plant Pathology, the Society for General Microbiology and the Association of Applied Biologists. He was also particularly active in the British Mycological Society, serving on a range of the society's special-interest committees, as President from 2011-2012, and as a Council Member (1989-1991 and 2000-2023). He also served on the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Applied Microbiology, Letters in Applied Microbiology, the World Mycotoxin Journal, the International Journal of Food Microbiology and Mycological Research.

The British Mycological Society and the International Society for Mycotoxicology have together established the annual Naresh Magan Lecture Award in honour of the late Professor Magan's major contributions to the fields of fungal ecology, fungal physiology, plant pathology, and mycotoxin research. In 2027, the award will be presented at the 16th conference of **The World Mycotoxin Forum®** in Rotterdam, 19-21 April 2027.

The award of up to € 1,250 will support an early-career researcher (up to 6 years post-doctorate) to give an oral presentation at an international conference, on an impactful topic in the field of fungal ecology, fungal physiology, plant pathogens or mycotoxins.

How to apply

Applications should be submitted by email to ism-secretary@mycotox-society.org
Submission deadline: **1 October 2026**

The following is required:

- Name, affiliation and contact details.
- Summary of recent employment history.
- Details of at least one publication in an SCI-indexed journal in the field of mycotoxigenic fungi or mycotoxins.
- A statement outlining why you wish to give this award lecture (up to 200 words).
- Title and abstract (outlined below).
- Statement of support from the supervisor/line manager (up to 200 words).

Title and abstract

- Abstracts must be submitted in Microsoft Word and shall not exceed 400 words.
- The title of the abstract should clearly define the work presented; don't forget to mention the names of the authors and their affiliation(s). Please note: the number of co-authors is limited to max. 10.
- The presenting author is required to ensure that any co-authors are aware of the content of the abstract and agree to its submission, before submitting the abstract.
- All abstracts should be submitted and presented in clear UK English with accurate grammar and spelling of a quality suitable for publication. Please arrange for the review of your abstract by two colleagues who are native English speakers.
- Use only standard abbreviations. Place special or unusual abbreviations in parentheses after the full word the first time it appears.

Conditions

Please ensure you agree with the conditions of giving an oral presentation as imposed by **The World Mycotoxin Forum®**, i.e., the presenting author must be a registered and paid participant.