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Director General

Prof. Furqan Qamar
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Dear Prof. Qamar,

OPPI Scientists Awards 2015

The Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) represents the research driven pharmaceutical companies in India. OPPI strives for an environment conducive to innovation and growth, while facilitating industry and stakeholder partnerships through a consultative process and supports the healthcare objectives of the nation.

OPPI has initiated the Scientists, Young Scientists and Women Scientists Awards to recognise Excellence in Research from Indian Scientists who have carried out original research in the field of pharmaceutical sciences. The awards are open to scientists only in India. Each award carries a citation and a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/- and is presented at OPPI's Annual General Meeting in Mumbai. The award winner will be reimbursed to and fro economy airfare from the nearest airport to receive the award at OPPI AGM. Selections are based on the recommendation of an independent panel of experts in the field, whose decision is final.

There are three awards - one each for Scientists, Young Scientists and Women Scientists categories. Nominations are invited from:

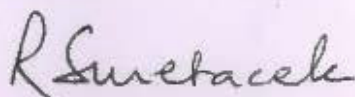
- CSIR, NIPER, IISER, other Government recognised research institutes
- Pharmaceutical Research Centres
- Academic Institutions

We invite entries for these awards in line with the enclosed Application Form from your institute or research centre. For details, please refer to the enclosed brochure and note that there can be any number of applicants from your institute or research centre. We request you to forward this to your scientists and research departments. This will ensure wider coverage of the awards and help us in recognising outstanding Research Scientists.

The last date for receiving completed applications is **July 15, 2015**. I look forward to receiving applications with your recommendations at the earliest.

Thank you and regards,

Sincerely,



RANJANA SMETACEK
Director General