



IMA awards for IMC 12

As one of the IMA's Regional Member Mycological Organizations, the EMA is expected to send nominations for honours/prizes which are awarded at each International Mycological Congress. These are **the De Bary Medal** and **the Ainsworth Medal** (nominations come from all the Regional Member Mycological Organizations, not just the EMA), and **the Elias Fries Medal** (nominations from the EMA).

The Elias Fries Medal is the IMA Young Mycologist Award nominated by the European Mycological Association as the European Regional Mycological Member Organization. Nominees must have received their PhD within the ten (10) year period immediately preceding January 1st of the year in which the award is given. The present call for nominations is an exception due to the postponement of IMC12 to 2024 – the Medal will be awarded to **two** young mycologists. One candidate is selected from mycologists, conferred a degree from 2012 to 2021. A second candidate is selected from mycologists, conferred a degree from 2014 to 2023. The deadline for nominations (as reminded on 2 December 2023 in the email to all EMA members) is **15 February 2024**.

Nomination of candidates for each IMA Young Mycologist Award shall consist of a letter of nomination, two letters of support from mycologists familiar with the candidate, and a current curriculum vitae of the candidate. Candidates are expected to have contributed appreciably to mycology and they should have achieved international recognition based on several criteria: (a) The quality, innovation, thoroughness, and impact on science of their published research, with consideration given to the contribution of the nominee to multi- authored publications. (b) Service as editors of journals or as officers of societies. (c) Membership on national or international policy committees. (d) Invitations to present research at national or international meetings.

The nominations should be sent to **Dr David Minter**, chair of the IMA Young Mycologist Award Regional Committee: d.minter@cabi.org **not later than on 15 February 2024**.

We encourage all members of the EMA and all enthusiasts of mycology in Europe, especially young mycologists and their mentors, to send nominations for the Elias Fries Medal – the IMA Young Mycologist Award dedicated to European region.

The EMA Governing Committee