

The Third Dr. S. Jones Memorial Prize - 2019



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The Third Dr. S. Jones Memorial Prize - 2019 is awarded to Prof. (Dr) T. Balasubramanian

Prof. (Dr.). T. Balasubramanian, Vice Chancellor, Chettinad University, Chennai has made commendable research contributions to marine biology, toxicology, marine biodiversity and conservation. Born on November 1st, 1951 at Pennadam, Tamil Nadu, Prof. Balasubramanian obtained his Masters in Marine Biology in 1975 from the Centre for Advanced Studies (CAS) in Marine Biology, Porto Novo, Annamalai University and Doctorate in 1982 from the same University. He has also obtained a Diploma in Marine Pollution from Liverpool University (UK) with UNESCO Fellowship in 1982.

Prof. Balasubramanian is an efficient teacher and an excellent researcher with an illustrious and productive career spanning over 40 years in various capacities and has successfully guided 25 students for their doctoral degrees and 10 for their M.Phil degrees. He has published 240 peer reviewed research papers, 12 books, 10 laboratory manuals and several scientific articles in simple language for the public and other stakeholders.

Prof. Balasubramanian was instrumental in upgrading the CAS in Marine Biology to Centre of Excellence in Marine Biology in 2004 and later as an independent unit under the Faculty of Marine Sciences of the Annamalai University in 2010. Through the implementation of 40 research projects sponsored by UGC, MoES, ICAR, MoEF & CC, DBT, DST and around 50 consultancy projects funded by Central Pollution Control Board and others agencies, Prof. Balasubramanian was mainly responsible for building the R& D facilities which led to the development of skilled human resource in marine biology and related subjects.

Prof. Balasubramanian has served as Director, CAS in Marine Biology (2000- 2010) and was the Founding Dean of Faculty of Marine Sciences of Annamalai University from 2010 to 2013. He was also Member, Syndicate of Annamalai University (2007-2013) and Honorary Project Advisor (2013 -2019) for MoES. He was the National Coordinator of the ESTC-Ministry of Earth Sciences (erstwhile DOD-OSTC) project and Chairman/ Member of various National and International Organizations. He was assigned the task of Chairman by the Government of India for State Environmental Appraisal Committee for Government of Tamil Nadu during the period 2012-2015. Prof. Balasubramanian became the Vice Chancellor, Chettinad University in July 2018 and continues to hold the position.

The Marine Biological Association of India is privileged and proud to honour Prof. (Dr.) T Balasubramanian for his outstanding contributions in marine biology, toxicology and marine biodiversity by conferring the Third Dr. S. Jones Memorial Prize on him.

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