

Regulations of the Japan Polarograph Society for the "Shikata International Medal" and "Shikata Medal"

1. Award Name: Japan Polarograph Society "Shikata International Medal" (Shikata International Medal) and "Shikata Medal" (Shikata Medal)
2. Purpose of the Award:
 - ① To honor individuals who have made remarkable achievements in electroanalytical chemistry.
 - ② To encourage research among young members of the Japan Polarograph Society.
3. Recipients:
 - i) Recognition of individuals who have made outstanding contributions in electroanalytical chemistry, highly esteemed both domestically and internationally (Shikata International Medal):

Those who have achieved remarkable research accomplishments in electrochemical measurement methods, electrochemical reactions, electrochemical analysis methods, and other related fields of electrochemistry. There is no age limit.
 - ii) Encouragement of research among young members (Shikata Medal):

Those who have achieved significant research accomplishments in electrochemical measurement methods, electrochemical reactions, electrochemical analysis methods, and other related fields of electrochemistry, with expectations for future development, and who are, as of April 1 of the award year, under the age of 45 for members. However, for the person who has interrupted their R&D activities to engage in childbirth, childcare or nursing care, the age limit is extended in principle by up to three years in monthly increments corresponding to the period of absence. Please note here that the upper age limit shall not be applicable if the Shikata Medal Selection Committee approves.
4. Number of Recipients: Several each year (zero if there are no eligible candidates).
5. Award: Certificate and Medal only.
6. Nomination of Candidates: By recommendation from members of the Japan Polarograph Society.
7. Selection of Recipients: Approval by the Board of Directors following the selection process by the Shikata Medal Selection Committee of the Japan Polarograph Society.
8. Management of Shikata Medal-related Affairs: Undertaken by the General Affairs Director of the Japan Polarograph Society.

Supplementary Provisions:

1. Japan Polarograph Society Shikata Medal Selection Committee: The Board of Directors selects approximately five members from among the directors (excluding the Chairman) to serve on the selection committee. The chairperson is elected by mutual selection among the committee members.
2. Selection Guidelines: The Board of Directors establishes separate selection guidelines, including measures to exclude conflicts of interest during the selection process.
3. Selection Materials: Recommenders or candidates (in the case of self-recommendation) are requested to submit selection materials such as a summary of achievements, reprints of papers, etc. The reprints of papers should be limited to five. In the case of the "Shikata Medal," regardless of self-recommendation or recommendation by others, the explanation of achievements should be written by the candidate themselves, and a complete list of achievements should be attached.
4. Award Lectures: As a general rule, recipients are requested to give a lecture on their award-winning achievements at the Japan Polarograph Society's "Polarography and Electroanalytical Chemistry Symposium" held in the award year.

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