

WFCC Skerman Award for Microbial Taxonomy

The World Federation for Culture Collections invites applications from young microbial taxonomists for the WFCC Skerman Award for Taxonomy. The Award was established to honour the contribution made by Professor V. B. D. Skerman to bacterial taxonomy, to the establishment of the WFCC World Data Centre for Microorganisms (WDCM), and to the development of the WFCC.

The aim of the Award is to encourage taxonomic research by young microbiologists and to reward excellence in taxonomic research and significant contributions to the discipline.

The successful recipient of the Award will receive a prize of \$2000 together with a return economy class airfare and registration costs to attend the Twelfth International Congress for Culture Collections (ICCC 12) to be held in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil from September 26 to October 1st, 2010, and will be invited to deliver the Skerman Award Lecture on their research. The recipient will also receive a certificate of the Award.

Applicants should normally be less than 40 years of age at the time of application. Applicants should provide a Curriculum Vitae, a list of research publications, the names and addresses of two referees familiar with their research who have agreed to act as referees, and copies of their three most significant research publications.

Applications should be submitted to the WFCC Secretary: Philippe Desmeth: International Cooperation Officer, Belgian Coordinated Collections of Microorganisms, c/o BCCM Rue de la Science, Brussels B-1000, Belgium. E-mail: desmeth@mbla.ucl.ac.be

The deadline for applications is **1st January 2010** and the applicant must be under 40 years old at the time of application.