

# Bruce Chandler Award 2024

## BACKGROUND

This award is for AIFST members who are authors of books or substantial reviews, considered to make the greatest contribution to the literature on food science and technology in particular years.

The award is given in honour of AIFST Past President, Bruce Chandler who had a long association with the journal *food australia*, first as an Associate Editor then member of the Editorial Board between 1969 and 1978. Notably he was Literature Editor for 12 years from 2001, a function which he performed with extreme dedication.

The prize is usually awarded annually, but at the discretion of AIFST.

## CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

1. The book/review must have been published not less than 4 months and not more than 5 years prior to the closing date for entries for the year in which the Award is to be made. Both physical and digital publications are eligible.
2. The book/review must focus on a recognised field of food science and technology, either as a research topic, or in relation to food industry applications, such as food production, processing, quality and safety, food biotechnology, etc.
3. All nominations must be made based on:
  - a) Sole author: a sole author nominating or being nominated must be a current financial member of AIFST; or
  - b) Multiple Authors (Book): A book published for or by an editor and multiple authors for an organisation/body associated with food science and technology or an educational institution, which consists of sections or chapters written by separate authors, may be eligible for nomination provided that the editor and at least 50% of the authors are current financial members of the Institute.
  - c) Multiple Authors (Substantial Review): At least 50% of the named co-authors must be current financial members of the Institute.
4. Books that are essentially collections of papers presented at conferences or similar events **shall not** be eligible for nomination.
5. Books/reviews nominated in previous years which were unsuccessful are not eligible for nomination in future years, unless invited by AIFST.

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

- a) AIFST shall call for nominations for the Award via channels deemed appropriate and aligned with the overall AIFST awards program. The call for nominations shall outline the closing date of entries; provide the award guidelines and nomination form; and details for return nominations.
- b) Nominations are to be completed via the AIFST Nomination Form which includes a statement, not exceeding 1000 words, setting out the contribution that the book is considered to make to the literature on food science and technology, which may be accompanied by copies of published reviews of the book. Each nomination shall be accompanied by an electronic copy of the nominated book or three (3) hard copies which will be returned to the nominator after judging.
- c) No late submissions shall be accepted, although AIFST reserves the right to extend, or change the closing dates for entries at its discretion and without prior notice.
- d) Each entrant shall give an undertaking to attend at the time and place (in person or by video-link) designated by AIFST to receive the award.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

The basis for the selection of a person or persons to receive the Award shall be determined by a judging panel assessed against the award judging guidelines as presented in Attachment 1 and includes:

1. The nomination meets the criteria for nomination and meets the requirements of the nomination process.
2. Relevance of the content to the food industry including breadth and overall quality based on subject matter of the book/review.
3. Demonstrated impact of the publication for the discipline including but not limited to:
  - I. Number of copies sold &/or printed &/or downloaded since publication.
  - II. Utilisation via relevant groups e.g., universities, TAFE, industry
  - III. Examples of additional prizes &/or reviews, or citation statistics on the book/review.

## **JUDGING PROCESS**

- a) AIFST shall invite three appropriately experienced members of the food industry or food science community, to act as the Award Judging Panel. The members of this Panel shall not be members of the AIFST Board and shall not be professional or personal associates of the nominee/s. AIFST shall act as Convener of the Award Panel but have no primary voting rights. If the Judging Panel cannot reach a majority decision, the AIFST CEO or nominated delegate shall have the casting vote.
- b) Should a Judging Panel member withdraw at any stage, the AIFST CEO or nominated delegate shall appoint a substitute panelist.
- c) AIFST shall notify the Judging Panel of their appointments. AIFST shall acknowledge each nominee with receipt of the nomination.

- d) AIFST shall provide the Judging Panel copies of each nomination (book/review), together with the judging guidelines which outline the scoring system for assessing nominations. The Judging Panel shall read the submission(s) entered for the award and select the nomination of greatest merit on the basis of the judging guidelines.
- e) If the Judging Panel determines there are no nominations of sufficient merit, the Judging Panel shall recommend to AIFST that no award be made that year. AIFST's decision on whether an award shall be made is final.
- f) AIFST shall notify the successful author(s) as determined by the Judging Panel in line with the award timelines. AIFST shall also notify non-successful nominees at this time.
- g) Once a winner is selected, the decision of the Judging Panel is final, and no further correspondence shall be entered into with the nominees.

### AWARD PRIZE

A sole author that wins the Bruce Chandler Book Prize shall receive a certificate and cash award as determined on an annual basis by AIFST. Where two or more authors are awarded the prize, one plaque will be awarded, and the cash award shall be shared equally among those members by AIFST.

The prize will be presented at the Annual AIFST Convention.

### AWARD TIMELINE

Date	Action	Responsible
25 March 2024	Call for nominations	AIFST
20 May 2024	Close of nominations	AIFST
21 May - 7 June 2024	Judging of awards	Judging panel
17 June 2024	Nominees advised of outcome	AIFST
6 August 2024	Awards Ceremony @ AIFST24	AIFST

## ATTACHMENT 1 – JUDGING GUIDELINES

Nomination has met the criteria	YES / NO	
Content & quality has met the criteria	YES / NO	
<p>Demonstrated impact of the publication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of copies sold &amp;/or printed &amp;/or downloaded since publication</li> <li>• Utilisation via relevant groups, e.g., universities, TAFE, industry</li> <li>• Examples of additional prizes &amp;/or reviews or numbers of citations</li> </ul>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>/100</b>