

BRUCE CHANDLER BOOK PRIZE

BACKGROUND

AIFST received a bequest from the late Dr Bruce Chandler to establish a prize named in his honour, the *Bruce Chandler Book Prize*. The book prize is to be awarded to AIFST members who are authors of books considered to make the greatest contribution to the literature on food in particular years. Dr Chandler was a long serving member of the Institute, notably as Literature Editor of *food australia* for twelve years.

The prize shall be awarded annually at the discretion of AIFST and presented at the Annual AIFST Convention.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

1. The book must have been published not less than 6 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.
2. All nominations must be made on the basis of:
 - a. Sole author: a sole author nominating or being nominated must be a current financial member of AIFST and have held membership for at least 2 consecutive years prior to the year in which the book was published.
 - b. Multiple Authors: 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 and have held membership for at least 2 consecutive years prior to the year in which the book was published.
3. The subject matter of the book must be literature on *food*. In line with this, the book must specifically focus on:
 - i. Food science and technology based on the definition of the specific field of interest for which the book could be utilised. For example, embracing production; processing and manufacturing; quality management; engineering; packaging; transport and distribution; food service; food retailing; enology; brewing; biotechnology related to food; food commodities and ingredients; product development; sensory and market evaluation; nutrition and health, food safety; food chemistry; food microbiology; analysis and testing; food standards and consumer issues; education and training for the food industry.
4. Books that are essentially collections of papers presented at conferences or similar events **shall not** be eligible for nomination.
5. Books nominated in previous years which were unsuccessful are eligible for nomination in future year's awards as long as all criteria for that year's award are met.
6. Previous Bruce Chandler Book Prize Award recipients are ineligible from entering in future year's awards, this includes revised editions of previously nominated books.



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, 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 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.
3. Demonstrated impact of the publication for the discipline including but not limited to:
 - I. Number of copies sold &/or printed since launch
 - II. Utilisation via certain groups ie Universities, TAFE
 - III. Examples of additional prizes &/or reviews on the book.

JUDGING PROCESS

- a) AIFST shall invite three (3) Judges who are appropriate members of the food industry to act as the Award Judging Panel. The members of such Judging Panel shall not be members of the AIFST Board, and shall not be professional or personal associates of the nominee/s. The AIFST Judging Panel will be determined and appointed based on the nominations received and the specific field of food science and technology for which the nominations relate. AIFST shall act as Convener of the Award Panel. However, AIFST shall have no primary voting rights and in the case that 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 delegated 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), together with the judging guidelines which outline the points 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

The sole author that wins the Bruce Chandler Book Prize shall receive a plaque 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.

2019 AWARD TIMELINE

Call for Nominations	Monday, 17 th December 2018
Close of Nominations	5.00pm on Sunday, 28 April 2019
Judging Panel Review	By Friday 17 May 2019
Successful Nominees Notified	Friday 24 May 2019
Prize Awarded	Monday 1 July 2019





ATTACHMENT 1 – JUDGING GUIDELINES

Bruce Chandler Book Prize Judging Guidelines

Judges Name:

Book Name:

Nomination has met the criteria	YES / NO	
Content & quality has met the criteria	YES / NO	
Demonstrated impact of the publication <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of copies sold &/or printed since launch• Utilisation via certain groups ie Universities, TAFE• Examples of additional prizes &/or reviews on the book		
TOTAL		/100

