

Nominations for The Ragai Ibrahim Award for Best Student Paper are now being accepted. The nomination is a simple process (please see below). Details are also provided in By-Law 24 (By-Laws are posted on the CSPB Website). Please note that you need only be a member of the Society.

**Criteria:** A peer reviewed paper either in print or online will be nominated by the supervisor of the student, and will be evaluated on the impact or potential impact that work will have on plant science. The nominated student should be the first or primary author of the work, and the paper must be based on work that the nominee performed as a student (graduate student or undergraduate). The nominee must be a member of the CSPB. The award is based on the calendar year (January 1 to December 31, 2015). Nominations for 2016 are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The nominee must be a student, or alternatively, have completed their graduate/undergraduate program no more than 12 months prior to the date of publication of the paper. Each year there will be one winner and an honourable mention.

**Nomination:** A PDF copy of the paper and a nomination letter should be submitted to Soheil Mahmoud at [soheil.mahmoud@ubc.ca](mailto:soheil.mahmoud@ubc.ca) by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Please include a brief summary of why the paper merits consideration for the award (one page maximum on official letterhead), and indicate whether the nominee is still a student or whether they have completed their program (please indicate date of completion). The contribution of the candidate must be fully described on any multi-authored paper, i.e., the intellectual contribution to the design of the experiments, the contribution to each figure and table in the manuscript and the contribution to the writing of the manuscript. The winner of the award will be decided by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and the winner will then be notified. The award will be presented at the CSPB Annual Meeting in June 2016 at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario (<http://www.cspp-scpv.ca/meetings/2016AGM/>).

**Value of Prize:** The winner will receive a cheque for 350 dollars.