

**Task force for Young & Early Career Geographers****IGU-YECG**

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**Report for IGU Newsletter****IGU-YECG Session at IGU Thematic Conference on Sustainability, Future Earth and Humanities: Opportunities and Challenges**

Date: 24-25 November 2022, Place: Mahendragarh, Haryana, India

IGU Task Force for Young and Early Career Geographers (IGU-YECG) organized an oral session for IGU-YECG Late Dr. Manju Singh Memorial Young Scientist Best Paper Award 2022 on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 during the IGU Thematic Conference on Sustainability, Future Earth and Humanities: Opportunities and Challenges hosted by Central University of Haryana, Mahendragarh. The award is instituted in the memory of Late Dr. Manju Singh, daughter of Late Prof. RB Singh (Former Secretary-General and Treasurer, International Geographical Union). Born in the year 1980, Dr. Manju Singh, a young and dynamic academic did her M.Sc. from USA and PhD in Nanotechnology from Italy. She left for her heavenly abode after a prolong illness on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Family of Late Prof. RB Singh provided financial support for this award.

Papers were invited on the theme and sub-themes of the conference. After the initial scrutiny by the Member of IGU-YECG Steering Committee and Local Organising Committee, ten oral presentations were made in this competition. The jury for the award competition comprised of:

- i. Professor Dr Barbaros Gönençgil, Secretary-General, IGU
- ii. Professor Nathalie Lemarchand, First Vice-President, IGU
- iii. Prof. Brij Maharaj, Senior Professor and Chair, IGU National Committee of South Africa
- iv. Prof. Haseena Hashia (Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi)

The awardee was selected on the site by the jury and the award recipient was announced during the valedictory session of the conference. The award included a certificate of merit and monetary award of Rs 5100/-. The award was bagged by Masoom Reza, Research Scholar at Department of Geography, DSB Campus, Kumaun University, Nainital, Uttarakhand, India for his paper presentation entitled “Glacier’s Response Over Gradual Increase of Supra-Debris in Valley Glacier, Central Himalaya”

Dr.Gaurav Sikka (Secretary and Treasurer, IGU-YECG) coordinated the entire session.

Dr.Pankaj Kumar (Assistant Secretary General, IGU) chaired the session.

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