



# South African Association of Botanists

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SAAB BRONZE MEDAL

The Council of the South African Association of Botanists, each year, awards the SAAB Junior (Bronze) Medal for the best PhD thesis in the discipline of botany. This is a prestigious award that recognizes contributions in the fields of: anatomy, ecology, ecophysiology, ethnobotany, physiology, phytochemistry and phytopharmacology, plant molecular biology, pollination biology, systematics and taxonomy; and any other relevant botanical fields.

The Council of the South African Association of Botanists invites you to nominate a candidate from your Department or School for consideration for the award. **The following conditions apply:**

- Only PhD's awarded by South African Universities are eligible.
- A committee officially appointed by the University must have awarded the candidate the degree of **Doctor of Philosophy** in **2010**. The candidate need not have graduated in **2010**.
- The Council will generally accept only one nomination from each institution. However, in cases where there are a number of candidates who have been awarded their degrees and are considered to be equally eligible for the award, the institution may submit two nominations.
- Late submissions will not be considered.

Nominations must consist of the following:

- ONE copy of the PhD thesis.
- A letter of support from the Head of Department
- The reports of ALL the external examiners (will be kept confidential)
- A brief *curriculum vitae* of the student.
- A written motivation from the nominator(s), which includes comments made by the examiners.

A committee appointed by the Council of SAAB will adjudicate the nominations and the decision of the committee is final. The Bronze Medal will be officially awarded at an awards ceremony following the annual meeting of the Association in January 2012 to be held at the University of Pretoria, Potchefstroom.

The deadline for nominations is the **31 August 2011**.

Nominations must be sent to:

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