ASM/IIM NORTH AMERICA VISITING LECTURESHIP

I. DEFINITION AND HISTORY

Each year many members of the Indian Institute of Materials (IIM) make brief visits to the United States and Canada. Following the success of the ASM-IIM Visiting Lectureship Program (established in 1979), ASM approached IIM to further promote international cooperation between the professional societies, and to provide useful service to materials community. As a result, ASM and the Indian Institute of Materials (IIM) jointly established and funded a new ASM-IIM Program effective 2013 with a view to providing honoraria for qualified IIM Members for travel to the United States and Canada.

It is ASM’s commitment to be inclusive and mindful of diversity in our policies, programs, courses, awards, and interactions with others. As an organization, we affirm and encourage nominations of qualified candidates, within each award’s criteria, regardless of their age, culture, ethnic origin, gender, gender identity, marital status, nationality, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

II. RULES

A. Applicant must be an IIM member in good standing currently residing within India.
B. Applicants should be available to lecture between 1 June and 30 December.
C. Applications will be submitted to IIM. Copies of the applications will be transmitted to ASM and to all the members of the Selection Committee by IIM.
D. Up to two lecturers total (one 40 years or younger as of January 1st, and another above 40 years as of January 1st) may be selected each year. In the event no suitable candidates are nominated, the lectureship will not be awarded.
E. The main criteria for selecting a visiting lecturer will be the technical qualifications of the applicant.
F. Attempts will be made to match the expertise and interest of the applicant with the interests of the (normally one or two) organizations in United States and/or Canada to be visited.
G. For each lecturer, IIM will provide $1000 and ASM will provide a matching award of $1000 for a total of $2000. The program honorarium is to be used for travel within the United States and/or Canada.

III. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AWARD

Each lecturer will be given a $2000 honorarium regardless of how many lectures they present to organizations in United States and/or Canada. The honorarium will be processed upon IIM receiving a copy of the lecturer’s finalized travel itinerary and lecture dates and locations. If for any
reason the lecturer cannot make even a single presentation, they will be expected to return the honorarium to the awarding societies, ASM and IIM.

IV. AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE

A. Appointments and Tenure
   1. There will be a total of five members on the Selection Committee. Two members will be selected and appointed by the ASM Awards Policy Committee. Two members will be selected and appointed by the IIM Executive Council. The tenure of the members will be for three years on a rotating basis.

   2. The Chair will be appointed for a three year term by either ASM Awards Policy Committee or IIM Executive Committee. The Chair will alternate between ASM and IIM.

B. Report of the Selection Committee
   The committee shall, by 30 May each year, submit to the ASM Awards Policy Committee and IIM Executive Committee a detailed report and background information on the selected lecturers.