Report on the
Inaugural Function of SMART Journal Annual Awards (2009)
10th January 2010

SMART Journal of Business Management Studies has instituted three awards, namely, SMART Journal Best Paper Award-2009, SMART Journal Distinguished Life Time Achievement Award-2009 and SMART Journal Young Management Scientist Award-2009. The nominations for these three awards – 2009 were invited through announcement in the newspapers, SMART Journal and email etc. After thorough scrutiny, the SMART Journal Awards Advisory Committee identified the Awardees which were also approved by the Managing Trustee of SMART.

The Award Ceremony function of SMART Journal Awards - 2009 was held on 10th January 2010 at 3.00 p.m. at A/C Auditorium, Bharathidasan University Main Campus, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India.

Dr.M.Selvam, Founder - Publisher and Chief Editor, SMART Journal in his welcome address pointed out that the award of this type would encourage the awardees and the young
scholars and teachers to continue their service to the commerce and management fraternity in the future too. It would also encourage the young scholars and teachers to achieve more so that they can also get such awards in future.

Prof. V.K. Boominathan, H.O.D of Commerce, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli in his keynote inaugural speech explained the objective of the awards and the procedure adopted to select the awardees.

Dr. T. Ramaswamy, Registrar, Bharathidasan University in his presidential address congratulated the Scientific Management and Advanced Research Trust, for instituting these awards to honour the deserving academicians/Educational administrators. The Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. N. Gopalswamy, Director, Dalmia Cements (Bharath) Ltd, Tiruchirappalli. He spelt out that the industrialists and academicians should work closely for the betterment of the society. Dr. Satya Chattopadhyay, (Professor, The Kania School of Management, USA), Dr. V. Rajagopalan, and Dr. C. Thiruchelvam, (Syndicate Members of Bharathidasan University) delivered special addresses, congratulating the award winners and the SMART Journal.

Dr T. Satheesh Kumar, (from All Nations University, Ghana) introduced Dr. Samuel H Donkor, (President, All Nations University, Ghana) the recipient of SMART Journal Distinguished Life Time Achievement Award - 2009. The award was conferred on him for his outstanding achievements in the field of Educational Management. Dr. Samuel H Donkor started All Nations International Development Agency and Women’s Development Centre. He is the Chairman of Federation of Private Universities. He has got the Award for Excellence by Ghana Government, Leadership Award in Toronto, Ghanian-Canadian Achievement Award and African-Canadian Achievement Award. He has been listed in Who’s Who for four times.

Dr. I. Francis Gnanasekar, (St. Joseph’s College, Tiruchirappalli) introduced Dr. Victor Louis Anthuvan, (Professor, Loyola Institute of Business Administration, Chennai) the recipient of Distinguished Life Time Achievement Award – 2009 for his contributions in the area of research in the field of Commerce and Management. Dr. Victor has written many books covering globalization process and debt crisis. He is a management thinker, economic thinker, philosopher, caring for the down trodden and the poor. He visualizes India after 2015.

Dr. M. Sheik Mohamed, Principal, Jamal Mohamed College, Tiruchirappalli, has made distinguished achievements in the field of management education, administration and research work. SMART Journal Distinguished Life Time Achievement Award - 2009 was conferred on him. Dr. R. Khader Mohideen, (H.O.D of Commerce, Jamal Mohamed College) elaborated the
bio-data of the awardee. Dr. M. Sheik Mohamed was conferred with dual post graduate degrees and ICWAI. He is a practising Cost Accountant for many manufacturing organizations. As the chairman of Tiruchirappalli ICWAI chapter, he organized many lectures and seminars by reputed cost accountants from various countries.

The research paper of Dr. Rajeswari Krishnan, (Principal, Sri Narayana Guru College), Coimbatore, published in the SMART Journal in the year 2009, has been awarded the SMART Journal Best Paper Award - 2009. Dr. S. Iyyampillai (from Bharathidasan University) elaborated the evaluation process of SMART Journal Best Paper Award and critically analysed the research paper.

Dr. S. Sekar, H.O.D of Commerce, Urumu Dhanalakshmi College, Tiruchirappalli, Dr. V. Selvaraj, H.O.D of Commerce, Nehru Memorial College, Dr. Joseph Anbarasu from Bishop Heber College, Dr. N. Sivabalan, H.O.D of Commerce, Kurinchi College of Arts and Science, Dr. M. Babu, Assistant Editor, SMART Journal of Business Management Studies, Dr. S. Vanitha, Dr. J. Gayathri, and Faculty Members from various Universities and other Colleges offered felicitation at the function. Finally the awardees delivered the acceptance speech.