

## ***Nmitqan* Award to the Outstanding Early Career Indigenous Scholar in honour of Victoria Petrasheva (short Victoria Petrasheva Award)**

This award was created to celebrate the emerging Indigenous scholars who strengthen the well-being of their communities through research led by Indigenous ways of knowing and being. With this award IASSA undertakes an important step towards the recognition of Indigenous scholars who honor diverse knowledge systems and apply Indigenous and community-engaged methodologies to embrace Indigenous livelihoods and offer pathways to life in the Arctic now and in the future. This award celebrates research that incorporates relationality, reciprocity, responsibility, and respect as foundational principles of scholarly practice.

As an Itelmen scholar from Kamchatka, Victoria Petrasheva embodied such principles in her research. Dr. Petrasheva completed her doctoral studies in Moscow State University and was among the first Indigenous individuals to receive their PhD in the Soviet Union. Dr. Petrasheva's lifework was dedicated to offering researchers, policymakers, students, old and young, insights into the worlds of Northern Indigenous peoples, helping to understand issues and struggles Northerners face, and promoting the recognition of sustainable Indigenous technologies for living comfortably in the Arctic environments. The word *Nmitqan* comes from Itelmen language and can be translated as the “master of the craftsmen” implying that the receiver of this award has demonstrated outstanding commitment, expertise, and vision grounded in the cultural landscapes and wisdom of their People.

### **Nomination Package**

We welcome nominations from the Arctic communities of knowledge holders and scholars. nomination process for this award. Please provide a letter with a succinct rationale for the nomination and a current curriculum vitae – either as an attachment or an electronic version. The nomination must be signed by three IASSA members. The letter of nomination (2pp max), signature page and curriculum vitae of the nominee should be sent as an e-mail attachment (pdf) to the IASSASecretariat [IASSASecretariat@nord.no](mailto:IASSASecretariat@nord.no). Electronic signatures will be accepted.

Please note: Failure to provide supporting evidence in complete and legible form is a disservice to the candidate and influences a fair and comprehensive assessment of the nomination.

**Nomination Package & Form will be available from early 2024.**

### **Deadline**

Nominations for the next award (to be presented at ICASS IX) must be received electronically by the IASSA Secretary.

### **Selection process**

The selection committee will evaluate the nominations based on the following criteria:

- The nominee is an Indigenous early career scholar;
- Their research work aligns with the award values and principles;
- Their research provides important contribution for strengthening the well-being of Indigenous peoples of the Arctic;

- Their research is a comprehensive study that looks at the given topic from diverse angles.

*Award committee*

The award committee for the second Nmitq̃n Award to the Outstanding Early Career Indigenous Scholar in honour of Victoria Petrasheva to be awarded during the Arctic Congress 2024 (ICASS XI) consists of:

- Tatiana Degai
- Roza Laptander
- Alona Yefimenko
- Britt Kramvig

*First Victoria Petrasheva Award*

1<sup>st</sup> award was awarded during ICASS X to Nenets scholar Dr. **Roza Laptander** for her outstanding research that is deeply rooted in her community. Her research focuses on Indigenous perspectives, values, cultural practices, and traditions and is striking for its collaborative efforts in applying Indigenous knowledge to the contemporary needs of the Arctic community.

*Small introduction about Dr. Petrasheva*

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