

Scientific awards, known as the James A. May “Father of Stevia” Awards, were discerned during the 9th World Congress on Stevia, held in October 2019 in Amsterdam. These awards are given to \_\_\_\_\_ recognize "Outstanding Contributions in the Progress of Stevia Research and Technology".

These awards, were delivered by Wisdom Natural Brands®, the company James A. May founded in 1982, in partnership with the World Stevia Organization.

### **First prize of the James A. May "Father of Stevia" Award:**

**Dr. Ryan M. Warner**, from Michigan State University, USA.

*Research on: Utilizing selection genetics and genomics to improve and understand synthesis of minor steviol glycosides*□



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**Second prize of the James A. May "Father of Stevia" Award:**

**Dr. Buhara Yücesan**, from Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University, Turkey.

*Research on: Stevia cultivation, breeding strategies and hot topics*



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