

Accolade for Buet teacher

Tanzima wins int'l award for privacy control solutions

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Tanzima Hashem, a computer science researcher from Buet, has won the 2017 OWSD-Elsevier Foundation Award for her work in developed computational approaches to protect the privacy of people accessing location-based services.



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Her new and innovative solutions allow citizens to have control over their personal and sensitive data on health, habits and whereabouts.

An associate professor at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), Tanzima is among the five women from developing countries who have been honoured with the Elsevier Foundation Awards for Early-Career Women Scientists in the Developing World, said a press release issued by Elsevier Foundation on February 16.

The awards were presented at a ceremony at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Annual Meeting in Boston, USA on Saturday.

The other winners are María Fernanda Rivera Velásquez of the Universidad Nacional de Chimborazo in Ecuador, Felycia Edi Soetaredjo of the Widya Mandala Catholic University Surabaya in

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Indonesia, Grace Ofori-Sarpong of the University of Mines and Technology in Ghana, and Rania Mokhtar of the Sudan University of Science and Technology.

The winners, selected by a panel of eminent scientists, were honoured for their research in engineering, innovation and technology. They received \$5,000 and all-expenses paid trip to the AAAS Annual Meeting.

"The determination, commitment and enthusiasm of these five women are an inspiration to us all, and especially to other women undertaking scientific research in developing countries. This award celebrates their excellent science and demonstrates that their hard work has had an impact both regionally and internationally, despite the difficult local conditions," said Jennifer Thomson, president of the Organisation for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD).

The Elsevier Foundation hands out grants to knowledge centred institutions around the world, with a sustainability focus on innovations in health information, research in developing countries and technology for development.

The OWSD provides research training, career development and networking opportunities for women scientists throughout the developing world.

"We are celebrating the exceptional achievements of five truly outstanding women scientists," said the World Academy of Science Executive Director Mohamed Hassan, also a special adviser to OWSD.

"Their work will be widely recognised and appreciated for the benefits it can bring to developing countries and the entire world. Just as important, they will serve as inspiring role models to future generations of women science leaders," he added.