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Call for IAFP 2016 Award Nominations

DES MOINES, Iowa (October 30, 2015) The International Association for Food Protection welcomes your nominations for our 2016 Association Awards. Nominate your colleagues for one of the many prestigious awards. We also encourage applications for the IAFP Travel Award for State or Provincial Health or Agricultural Department Employees (North America only) and for the IAFP Travel Award for a Food Safety Professional in a Country with a Developing Economy. And students may apply for a Student Travel Scholarship. Nomination criteria and instructions are available online at: www.foodprotection.org/get-involved/awards/.

The awards to be presented are as follows:

Black Pearl Award

Sponsored by F&H Food Equipment Company

Award Showcasing the Black Pearl. Presented in recognition of a company's outstanding commitment to and achievement in corporate excellence in food safety and quality.

Fellow Award

Marble Plaque. Presented to Members who have contributed to IAFP and its Affiliates with distinction over an extended period of time.

Honorary Life Membership Award

Plaque and Lifetime Membership in IAFP. Presented to Members for their dedication to the high ideals and objectives of IAFP and for their service to the Association.

Harry Haverland Citation Award

Sponsored by 3M Food Safety

Plaque and \$2,500 Honorarium. Presented to an individual for many years of dedication and devotion to the ideals and objectives of IAFP.

Food Safety Innovation Award

Sponsored by Walmart

Plaque and \$2,500 Honorarium. Presented to a Member or organization for creating a new idea, practice or product that has had a positive impact on food safety, thus, improving public health and the quality of life.

International Leadership Award

Sponsored by Cargill, Inc.

Plaque, \$2,000 Honorarium and reimbursement to attend IAFP 2016. Presented to an individual for dedication to the high ideals and objectives of IAFP and for promotion of the mission of the Association in countries outside of the United States and Canada.

GMA Food Safety Award

Sponsored by Grocery Manufacturers Association

Plaque and \$2,000 Honorarium. This Award alternates between individuals and groups or organizations. In 2016, the award will be presented to **a group or organization** for a highly significant food safety development or in recognition of a long history of outstanding contributions to food safety.

Frozen Food Foundation Freezing Research Award

Sponsored by the Frozen Food Foundation

Plaque and \$2,000 Honorarium. Presented to an individual, group or organization for preeminence and outstanding contributions in research that impacts food safety attributes of freezing.

Maurice Weber Laboratorian Award

Sponsored by Weber Scientific

Plaque and \$2,000 Honorarium. Presented to an individual for outstanding contributions in the laboratory, recognizing a commitment to the development of innovative and practical analytical approaches in support of food safety.

Larry Beuchat Young Researcher Award

Sponsored by bioMérieux, Inc.

Plaque and \$2,000 Honorarium. Presented to a young researcher who has shown outstanding ability and professional promise in the early years of their career.

Sanitarian Award

Sponsored by Ecolab Inc.

Plaque and \$1,500 Honorarium. Presented to an individual for dedicated and exceptional service to the profession of the Sanitarian, serving the public and the food industry.

Elmer Marth Educator Award

Sponsored by Nelson-Jameson, Inc.

Plaque and \$1,500 Honorarium. Presented to an individual for dedicated and exceptional contributions to the profession of the educator.

Harold Barnum Industry Award

Sponsored by Roka Bioscience, Inc.

Plaque and \$1,500 Honorarium. Presented to an individual for dedicated and exceptional service to IAFP, the public and the food industry.

Travel Award for State or Provincial Health or Agricultural Department Employees Sponsored by the IAFP Foundation

Provides travel funds for state or provincial health or agricultural department employees (epidemiologists, food and molecular microbiologists, and environmental health specialists) working in North America to attend the Annual Meeting of the International Association for Food Protection and to encourage participation in association activities.

Travel Award for a Food Safety Professional in a Country with a Developing Economy Sponsored by the IAFP Foundation

Provides travel funds for food safety professionals working full-time in the field of food safety in a country with a developing economy to attend the Annual Meeting of the International Association for Food Protection. Related professions may include positions in the fields of research, education, industry, government service or in the private sector.

Student Travel Scholarship

Sponsored by the IAFP Foundation

Provides travel funding for full-time students to attend the Annual Meeting (including symposia and technical sessions) of the International Association for Food Protection and to encourage developing scientists to participate in association activities. Scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled in a college or university food safety-related degree program.

Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award

Presented annually for excellence and continual improvement in a comprehensive program of food protection at the local level.

You may make multiple nominations. All award nominations and applications (other than the Black Pearl Award) must be submitted electronically as instructed on the IAFP website by **Tuesday**, **February 23**, **2016**. You need not be an IAFP Member to nominate a deserving professional or colleague or submit an application for the Travel Award to attend the IAFP Annual Meeting. IAFP Student Members are invited to submit their application for the Student Travel Scholarship award to attend the IAFP Annual Meeting.

Questions regarding award nominations submission should be directed to Susan Smith, at ssmith@foodprotection.org or call + 1 515.276.3344; + 1 800.369.6337.

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The International Association for Food Protection is a non-profit educational association of food protection professionals. The Association is dedicated to the education and service of its Members, specifically, as well as industry personnel. The Association provides Members with an information network and forum for professional improvement through its two scientific journals, *Journal of Food Protection* and *Food Protection Trends*, educational Annual Meeting, and interaction with other food safety professionals. Membership information can be obtained by calling + 1 800.369.6337; + 1 515.276.3344; fax: +1 515.276.8655, E-mail: info@foodprotection.org; or Web site: www.foodprotection.org.