International Leadership Award

The International Leadership Award recognizes an IAFP Member for their dedication to the high ideals and objectives of the International Association for Food Protection and for promotion of the mission of the Association in countries outside of the United States and Canada. The Award consists of a plaque, $2,000 honorarium, and expenses paid to attend the Annual Meeting to receive the award. Food Safety Net Services (FSNS) sponsors the award.

Qualifications for nominees

- Be a non-student Member of IAFP in good standing at the time of nomination and during the IAFP Annual Meeting (when receiving the award)
- Any individual involved in the food safety field (education, industry, research, or government) who actively provides leadership to the profession through their achievements and in the organization of educational forums, provision of continuing education opportunities, mentoring, training, and/or participation in international initiatives, and contributions through innovative research in countries outside of the U.S. and Canada
- Preference will be given to qualified candidates with a minimum 5 years of continuous Membership in IAFP at the time of nomination
- Preference will be given to candidates who are non-citizens of the USA and Canada
- Previous recipients of the International Leadership Award, IAFP Executive Board Members, and IAFP Awards Committee Members are not eligible
Criteria for nominations
Please provide specific information on the following:

- **Career highlights—length of service and positions held in international food safety activities**
  Provide a resume or summary of positions held related to food protection and other activities that highlight the nominee’s dedication to the international food safety and that demonstrate the nominee’s high personal standards.

- **Leadership Achievements in the field of food safety**
  Provide a listing of specific activities and their outcomes that would be considered significant achievements or accomplishments (e.g., developed a process or procedure that increased specific food safety of specific country; developed or contributed to regulatory activities that improved safety; recognition through receipt of awards; etc.).

  Provide a listing of activities where the nominee was in a leadership role (e.g., division or department chair or director, committee chair, project or program initiator, etc.).

- **Promotion of international collaboration**
  Specific examples of fostering international cooperation in food safety, including organization of educational forums, partnerships in food safety activities, cross border regulatory, research and/or extension activities.

- **Educational and/or research activities in food protection**
  Provide a listing of involvement and specific roles in teaching, mentoring, continuing education, training programs, and/or development and/or dissemination of educational materials, and/or participation in international initiatives.

  Provide a listing of research and publications.

- **Participation in IAFP activities**
  Provide membership history and listing of past and present involvement in IAFP committees and PDGs, Annual Meeting attendance and program participation (e.g., speaker, symposium organizer, etc.), publication of articles in the Association journals, and other IAFP activities.

  Provide listing of activities directly involved in encouraging IAFP membership in countries outside the U.S. and Canada (e.g., establishing an IAFP affiliate, organization/participation in IAFP-sponsored workshops or symposia).

**Additional points to consider under the criteria for evaluating nominee**
Other activities or characteristics of the nominee that are not specifically covered under the above criteria may be provided to emphasize the nominee’s dedication to food protection and demonstrate the nominee’s high personal standards (e.g., other associations, volunteer and community activities, etc.). The nomination cover letter and letters of support* for the nominee (at least 2 with maximum of 3) can provide this type of information.
Submitting nominations
Nominations must be submitted as one PDF to awards@foodprotection.org by Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Please follow directions carefully to avoid errors. **Nominations received by email directly to the IAFP office or by mail will not be accepted.** If you have any questions about this award or the required documents, please contact Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Once you have submitted your **complete** nomination, you will receive an acknowledgment of receipt from Susan within 48 hours. (If you do not, please contact Susan.)

*Nomination letter and letters of support cannot be from a current IAFP Board Member*