



International Association for  
**Food Protection**®

# Maurice Weber Laboratorian Award

## **WHO WAS MAURICE WEBER?**

*The Maurice Weber Laboratorian Award honors Maurice Weber, a laboratorian and commercial laboratory owner who retired in 1978. Mr. Weber was very active with the IAFP Affiliate, the Metropolitan Association for Food Protection, now the New Jersey Association for Food Protection. His son, Fred Weber, who took over Weber Scientific in 1979, established the Maurice Weber Laboratorian Award in 2001 in his honor.*

The Maurice Weber Laboratorian Award is presented to an IAFP Member for dedicated and exceptional contributions in the laboratory. It recognizes a commitment to the development and/or application of innovative and practical analytical approaches in support of food safety. The award consists of a plaque and a \$2,500 honorarium sponsored by **The Fred and Elizabeth Weber Trust**.

## **Qualifications for nominees**

- Be a non-student Member in good standing at the time of nomination and during the IAFP Annual Meeting (when receiving the award)
- Any person who is intimately engaged in the microbiological or chemical laboratory analysis of milk or food, or who works closely with those individuals (e.g., lab accreditation officer), or who conducts research in the development and/or application of laboratory methods
- Be employed (or retired from such within the past 2 years) as a Laboratorian
- Have a minimum 5 years of experience as a Laboratorian
- Previous recipients of the Maurice Weber Laboratorian 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—positions held, length of service, and activities in the food profession**

Provide a resume or summary of positions held related to food protection and other activities that highlight the nominee's expertise as a professional laboratorian including involvement in the food safety community and also reflect the nominee's dedication to the profession and high personal standards.

- **Impact on food protection**

Provide examples of how nominee's lab contributions have benefited food protection.

Provide list of reference texts and/or procedure manuals where approaches attributed to the nominee have been cited or used (e.g., Gerber modifications used in Dairy Methods; *Listeria* procedure in BAM; Swabbing protocol cited in procedure manual of major company; etc.).

- **Publications and reference materials**

Provide a list of publications in peer reviewed or other scientific journals, reference texts (i.e. book chapters) and/or procedure manuals.

- **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), and other IAFP activities.

- **Peer assessment of nominee**

Provide no less than two and no more than three letters of support\* from professional peers **in addition to a nomination cover letter.\***

## 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.).

## Submitting nominations

**Nominations must be submitted as one PDF to [awards@foodprotection.org](mailto:awards@foodprotection.org) by Tuesday, February 15, 2022.** 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](mailto: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*