



## Harry Hannon Laboratory Improvement Award

The **Harry Hannon Laboratory Improvement Award in Newborn Screening** shall be given on the occasion of the APHL National [U.S.] Newborn Screening and Genetic Testing Symposium to honor a person working in newborn screening worldwide and judged by the Award Selection Committee to have made significant contributions in one or more of the following areas; assuring the quality of testing, enhancing the specificity of tests, establishing new creative laboratory approaches and technologies, providing laboratory training/education for new technologies and tests, or improving the detection of newborn disorders/conditions. The contributions of the recipient must have had a direct effect in improving the quality of laboratory results for the newborn screening system. The award will be for work done since the previous award was presented or for lifetime achievements. Contributions to voluntary proprietary screening alone do not qualify for the award. Previous winners of the George Cunningham Visionary Award and the International Society of Neonatal Screening (ISNS) Robert Guthrie Award are ineligible for nomination.

### Nomination of the Award

Nomination for the **Harry Hannon Laboratory Improvement Award in Newborn Screening** may be made by any person working in newborn screening activities or a consumer thereof. The nomination must be accompanied by a statement of 100-200 words which describes the nature of the laboratory contribution(s). The statement may be accompanied by brief supporting information such as copies of publications, curriculum vitae or other documentation of the contribution. A person may not nominate more than one nominee each award period. Nominations, selection discussions, and accompanying materials will be kept confidential by the Award Selection Committee and the person receiving nominations except for information about the winner, which will be shared at the presentation ceremony.

### Award Selection

The Award Selection Committee may include all previous Cunningham, Hannon and Guthrie (ISNS) Award winners, if they desire to serve. Nominations will be solicited by the Organizing Committee of the National Newborn Screening and Genetic Testing Symposium. A list of nominees together with copies of the supporting information for each nominee will be circulated to all members of the Award Selection Committee. The method for voting will be determined by the Award Selection Committee. In case of balloting, each committee member will have one vote for the Award. The recipient of the Award must receive more than 50% of the votes cast. If no single nominee receives more than 50%, balloting will be repeated between the two nominees receiving the most votes. In the event of a tie, the Award Selection Committee shall allow the winner of the previous Harry Hannon Award to cast an extra vote. The voting committee may elect not to present an award if no nominations for outstanding contributions are received or if those received are deemed unworthy.

### Announcement of the Harry Hannon Laboratory Improvement Award in Newborn Screening

The 2011 **Harry Hannon Laboratory Improvement Award in Newborn Screening** recipient will be announced during the 2011 APHL Newborn Screening and Genetic Testing Symposium or at a function of the primary sponsor of the award in San Diego. The announcement will be accompanied by a brief biography of the recipient and an explanation of his or her contribution.

Send nominations for 2011 Award to:

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Nomination material should include (1) letter of nomination [100-200 words (English)], (2) two seconding letters, and (3) any supporting documentation.