Judi Tuerck Newborn Screening Follow-up and Education Award

The Judi Tuerck Newborn Screening Follow-up and Education Award shall be given on the occasion of the APHL Newborn Screening and Genetic Testing Symposium to honor a person working in newborn screening worldwide and judged by the Symposium Planning Committee to have made significant and outstanding contributions in one or more of the following areas: enhancing the caliber of the newborn screening system; improving follow-up and education; creative development or enhancement of short term follow-up strategies that significantly reduce days to diagnosis and treatment of affected infants; develop or enhance long term follow-up strategies; establishing new and novel approaches or methods for managing the integration of new technologies and the concerns impacting newborn screening while incorporating these approaches or methods into best practices or guidelines for follow-up and education; or providing innovative newborn screening follow-up training/education for best practices; or improving the ability of follow-up and education practices to ensure timely detection, reporting, intervention, and treatment for newborns detected with disorders/conditions. The contributions of the proposed recipient must have had a direct impact on improving the quality of follow-up and education 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 does not qualify one for this award. Previous winners of the International Society of Neonatal Screening (ISNS) Robert Guthrie Award are ineligible for nomination.

Nomination of the Award

Nomination for the Judi Tuerck Newborn Screening Follow-up and Education Award 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 nominee’s contribution(s). This statement may be accompanied by a brief quantity of selected 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 including the persons receiving nomination, except for information about the winner, which will be shared at the presentation ceremony.

Award Selection

Nominations will be solicited and awardees will be selected by the Planning Committee of the APHL Newborn Screening and Genetic Testing Symposium. A list of nominees together with copies of the nomination statement and supporting information for each nominee will be circulated to all members of the Planning Committee. The method for voting will be determined by the Planning 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. If no nominations for outstanding contributions are received or if those nominated are deemed without merit, the voting committee may elect not to present an award.

Announcement of the Judi Tuerck Newborn Screening Follow-up and Education Award

The recipient of the 2019 Judi Tuerck Newborn Screening Follow-up and Education Award will be announced at the 2019 APHL Newborn Screening and Genetic Testing Symposium during the awards luncheon. The announcement will be accompanied by a brief biography of the recipient and an explanation of his or her most significant contributions.

Send nominations for the 2019 award to newborn.screening@aphl.org.

Nomination material should include (1) letter of nomination [100-200 words (English)], (2) two seconding letters, and (3) supporting documentation. The deadline to submit a nomination is January 18, 2019. Please contact Guisou Zarbalian (guisou.zarbalian@aphl.org) with any questions.