

IUPAC International Award for Advances in Harmonized Approaches to Crop Protection Chemistry

Awarding organization: IUPAC, Division of Chemistry and the Environment, Subcommittee on Crop Protection Chemistry

Award financial sponsor: For 2010, Dow AgroSciences LLC, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA has agreed to be financial supporter.

Purpose: Provide a way to encourage and recognize individuals making significant contributions toward achieving greater international harmonization for regulation of crop protection chemistry, including both traditional chemical as well as biotechnology-based approaches.

Rationale: Although many stakeholders are on record as promoting global regulatory harmonization, there appears to be no formal mechanism in place for recognizing outstanding individual contributions toward regulatory harmonization in crop protection chemistry. There is an existing "International Award for Research in Agrochemicals" which is awarded annually by the American Chemical Society and sponsored by Bayer and DuPont, but it is organized around publication and patent contributions and generally is made to academic or industrial researchers.

Intended Recipients: Individuals in government, intergovernmental, companies, industry associations, grower, or food-chain organizations who have exercised personal leadership for prolonged or outstanding one-time contributions toward international harmonization for regulation of crop protection chemistry. Individuals who are current members of IUPAC Divisions or Committees are ineligible to receive the award, although past members, fellows, and project task group members are considered eligible.

Award Frequency: Biennially (even-numbered years).

Award Venue: The award is to be presented in conjunction with a special symposium and/or special lecture organized by IUPAC as part of the IUPAC International Congress of Pesticide Chemistry (held every 4 years) or another scientific conference or workshop sponsored by IUPAC. The Congress will next be held in Melbourne, Australia during July 2010, and this will be the occasion for the first presentation of the award.

Nomination Process: Nominations are ordinarily to be received by December 1 of odd-numbered years for awards to be made during even-numbered years. Nominations will consist of:

- A *nomination letter* including the nominee's birthplace, date of birth, citizenship, business address, and a description (200-1000 words) of the reasons why the nominee should receive this award, stressing the individual's major accomplishments.
- A *curriculum vitae* of the candidate that includes places and names of employment, professional affiliations, committee and working group assignments, and listing of relevant regulatory guidance documents, reports, or publications.
- One or more letters of support.

Important note: For the inaugural presentation of the award during 2010, the IUPAC Advisory Committee has selected the award recipient by acclaim.

Evaluation Process: Nominations will be received, evaluated, and awardees decided by the Advisory Committee on Crop Protection Chemistry of the IUPAC Division of Chemistry and Environment under direction of the Committee chairman or designee.

Financial Management: Award recipient to receive \$3000 cash award plus airfare, per diem, and registration expenses for participation in the award symposium. Total biennial budget estimated at \$6000, to be donated to IUPAC by Feb-15 of even numbered years by the recognized sponsor. Financial reimbursement for travel/reimbursement/registration and monetary award to be arranged by the IUPAC Secretariat in the awardees currency of choice from a special project account to be established under direction of the Division of Chemistry and the Environment.