Accepting Nominations for Lillian Jean Kaplan International Prize for the Advancement in the Understanding of Polycystic Kidney Disease

Lillian Jean Kaplan International PKD Prize

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Lillian Jean Kaplan International Prize for the Advancement in the Understanding of Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD), created in 2002, recognizes a medical professional or researcher exhibiting excellence and leadership in PKD clinical or basic research. The US$50,000 cash prize is one of the most significant awards in the medical research field.

The Lillian Jean Kaplan International PKD Prize was established by the Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) Foundation and the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) through the generosity of Thomas Kaplan of New York, USA in memory of his mother Lillian Jean Kaplan who was a PKD sufferer and died in 2002.

The long term goal of the Prize is to stimulate members of the scientific and medical community throughout the world to increase, or to begin, research that will lead to a treatment and cure for the millions of people worldwide, who suffer from PKD. It also aims to generate momentum in the field as well as public awareness about the disease.

The Prize recognizes individual(s) whose seminal scientific work constitutes tangible achievement toward improving knowledge and treatment of PKD.

The Prize is awarded every two years at the ISN’s World Congress of Nephrology.

AWARD DESCRIPTION

There is an award of $50,000 USD payable in American funds to an individual winner. More than one award may be made.

The Prize may be awarded to residents of any country without restriction as to nationality.

The 2013 Award will be presented to each winner in person at the World Congress of Nephrology in Hong Kong in June 2013. In addition to the $50,000 USD prize, a citation depicting the winner’s work and a Steuben crystal sculpture will be presented.

The awardee(s) will present a lecture during the World Congress of Nephrology.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

A complete nomination must include the following information:

1. The full name and complete contact information for the nominee(s).
2. A formal letter of nomination which contains:
   i. a statement whether the award should be made to an individual or whether it should/could
be shared with other scientists who may or may not be included in the nomination;
   ii. a summary of the contributions of the nominee(s)
   iii. a description of how and why the work of the nominee(s) represents a major advance in
       basic or clinical understanding of PKD, distinguishing those aspects of the work of which clearly set it
       apart from the work of others in the field.
3. A full curriculum vitae and bibliography for the nominee(s).
4. At least two letters of support for the nomination.
5. The full name and complete contact information for the nominator(s).

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: December 1, 2012

PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

2011: Dr. James Calvet, Dr. Gerd Walz
2009: Dr. Corinne Antignac, Dr. Lisa Guay-Woodford, Dr. Friedhelm Hildebrandt
2007: Dr. Vicente Torres, Dr. Jing Zhou
2005: Dr. Gregory Germino, Dr. Stefan Somlo
2003: Dr. Jared Grantham, Dr. Peter Harris

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations are ranked by the Lillian Jean Kaplan Prize Advisory Committee chaired by Dr. Nathan W. Levin. In
addition to Dr. Levin, two committee members are selected by the PKD Foundation, and two by the
International Society of Nephrology. For the 2013 prize, the members are Drs. Corinne Antignac, Ben
Cowley, James Calvet, and Gerd Walz.

The Committee will submit the names of the selected winner(s) to PKD Foundation and ISN Executive
Committees for formal approval on February 1, 2013.

The winner(s) are announced by ISN and the PKD Foundation 2-3 months prior to the WCN.

Nominations are to be sent to:
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