Annual Awards

Selection of recipients of the awards of The Endocrine Society is made by a committee appointed by the President of the Society. The Endocrine Society Awards may be made to endocrinologists, members or non-members, from anywhere in the world. Nominations must be made and seconded by Society members only. Additional supporting letters are not necessary, and will not be considered. A complete listing of all past Awardees is given in the Membership Directory of The Endocrine Society.

Nominations should be made on the appropriate form which may be obtained by writing to the Executive Director of the Society. It is important to document the contributions of the nominees in depth, as requested in the form. Nominations and seconding letters must be received no later than October 15, 1990.

Fred Conrad Koch Award

In 1957 a substantial legacy was bequeathed to the Society by the late Elizabeth Koch for the purpose of establishing the Fred Conrad Koch Memorial Fund in memory of her late husband, Distinguished Service Professor of Physiological Chemistry at the University of Chicago, and pioneer in the isolation of the androgens. This is the highest honor of The Endocrine Society and is represented by a medal known as the Koch Medal of The Endocrine Society, as well as an honorarium of $10,000. The award is given annually to a person or persons for contemporary work of special distinction in endocrinology.

The recipients of this award for the past ten years were: Dr. Samuel A. McCann, 1979; Dr. Berta Scharrer, 1980; Dr. Choh Hao Li, 1981; Dr. Ernst Knobil, 1982; Dr. Roger H. Unger, 1983; Dr. Elwood V. Jensen, 1984; Dr. Jesse Roth, 1985; Dr. Stanley Cohen, 1986; Dr. Henry G. Friesen, 1987; Dr. Bert W. O'Malley, 1988; and Dr. P. Michael Conn, 1989.

The Ernst Oppenheimer Memorial Award

The Ernst Oppenheimer Memorial Award, sponsored by the Ciba-Geigy Corporation, is given in recognition of meritorious accomplishments in the field of basic or clinical endocrinology to an investigator who has not reached his/her forty-first birthday before July 1 of the year in which the Award is presented. This Award was established in 1942 as the Ciba Award and was first presented in 1944. The honorarium is presently $3,000. The recipients of this Award for the past five years were: Dr. Olli A. Jänne, 1985; Drs. Betty A. Eipper and Richard E. Mains, jointly, 1986; Dr. Aaron Jen-Wang Hsueh, 1987; Dr. Geoffrey L. Greene, 1988; and Dr. Henry G. Friesen, 1989.

Genentech Edwin B. Astwood Lecture

The Genentech Edwin B. Astwood Lectureship is now sponsored by Genentech, Inc. (previous sponsorship was by the Nichols Institute). The lectureship was established in 1977 to replace the Eli Lilly Lecture. The lecture is given to honor the late Dr. Edwin B. Astwood of Boston, and is awarded for scientific achievement in endocrinology. The honorarium consists of $2,000 and travel expenses to the Annual Meeting. The recipients of this award for the past five years were: Dr. Gerald D. Aurbach, 1985; Dr. Lelio Orci, 1986; Dr. C. Ronald Kahn, 1987; Dr. Walter L. Miller, 1988; and Dr. Jerrold M. Olefsky, 1989.

The Robert H. Williams Distinguished Leadership Award in Endocrinology

The Robert H. Williams Distinguished Leadership Award in Endocrinology was established by Dr. Robert H. Williams in 1970. The Award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding leadership in endocrinology as exemplified by the recipient's contributions and those of his/her trainees and associates to teaching, research, and administration. Distinguished leadership in endocrinology and metabolism may be manifest in a variety of ways and activities (international, national and local). The Award consists of $1000. The recipients of this Award for the past five years were: Dr. Neena B.
The Richard E. Weitzman Memorial Award

This award was established in 1982 to honor outstanding research achievements in the field of endocrinology and metabolism by a young investigator. The award was established in memory of the late Dr. Richard E. Weitzman. Dr. Weitzman was born in 1943. He was educated at Cornell University and the State University of New York Upstate Medical Center (Syracuse). He received training in endocrinology at the University of Virginia and the Harbor-UCLA School of Medicine, rising to the rank of Associate Professor, and began a productive career studying neurohypophyseal hormone and cardiovascular-endocrine physiology.

In honor of Dr. Weitzman, an anonymous donor has provided funds for an annual award of $1,000 to be given to an exceptionally promising young investigator who has not reached the age of 37 before July 1 of the year in which the award is presented.

Additional Awards

For a number of years, the Awards Committee of The Endocrine Society has, on behalf of the Society, selected nominees for the following Awards made by other organizations.

Albion O. Bernstein, M.D. Award

This national award of $2,000 with an appropriate scroll is given to a physician, surgeon or scientist who has recently made a widely beneficial scientific discovery in medicine, surgery or the prevention of disease.

Bristol-Myers Award for Distinguished Achievement in Nutrition Research

This annual award of $25,000 is presented by Bristol-Myers Company to a scientist who has made an outstanding contribution to progress in nutrition research.

Award for Distinguished Research in the Biomedical Sciences

Sponsored by the Baxter Foundation and the Burroughs-Wellcome Fund, this presentation of the Research Medal and a prize of $2,500 is offered in recognition of outstanding biomedical research related to health and disease. The research should have been demonstrated to have contributed to the substance of medicine.

The Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education

This Award of $2,500 and receipt of the Flexner Medal is granted annually to an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to medical schools and to the entire medical education community.

Medical College of Pennsylvania National Board Award

The National Board Award of $5,000 is presented annually to an outstanding woman physician or medical scientist in recognition of her significant contributions to the health care field. While acknowledging the accomplishments of the recipient, the award also serves to encourage and stimulate other women working in or entering the medical profession.

National Medal of Science

This medal is awarded by the President of the United States to individuals deserving of special recognition by
reason of their outstanding contributions to knowledge in the physical, biological, mathematical, or engineering sciences.

The Alan T. Waterman Award

In addition to a medal and other recognition, the recipient receives a grant of up to $50,000 per year for a period of up to three years for scientific research or advanced study in the mathematical, physical, medical, biological, engineering, social, or other sciences at an institution of the recipient’s choice. The candidates must be U.S. citizens and must be 35 years of age or younger on December 31 of the year in which they are nominated.

The Awards Committee of The Endocrine Society would be pleased to receive nominations for any of the above awards. Please send your recommendations to the Awards Committee, The Endocrine Society, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, no later than October 15, 1990 for the 1991 awards.