



International Federation of Biosafety Associations Biosafety Heroes Program

The IFBA has created a Biosafety Heroes program to identify and celebrate extraordinary individuals who make significant contributions to help others in the field of biosafety and biosecurity. IFBA Biosafety Heroes are exceptional and inspiring individuals honored by the global biosafety community as having made a difference for the better. Biosafety Heroes serve as role models, showing others that each individual is important and can contribute to the global fight against infectious diseases. Awards are given at IFBA or member association meetings. The first awards were given at the IFBA meeting in Bangkok, Thailand in Feb 2011.

Selection criteria:

- Nominees are selected on their uniqueness, the specific accomplishments he or she has achieved that are truly remarkable, and the impact their work has had on others.
- Preference is given to individuals who
 - operate in an environment where biosafety funds are limited, and/or where the importance of biosafety is not fully appreciated.
 - have not yet been recognized with other biosafety awards.
- Nominations are welcome for people at all stages in their careers.

Selection mechanism:

1. Nominations can be made by anyone. They should be emailed to the International Federation of Biosafety Associations:
secretariat@internationalbiosafety.org
 - The deadline for nominations for the 2018 awards is 1 November 2018.
 - Nominations are welcome at any time. Once received they will be considered for at least one year.
2. Winners are chosen by a selection committee based on the criteria outlined above.

Biosafety Heroes Working Group members:

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