



International Society of
Nucleosides, Nucleotides, & Nucleic Acids

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Imbach-Townsend Award

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Dear IS3NA members:

We are in the process of soliciting candidates for this prestigious award that is given biennially in conjunction with the International Round Table.

The Imbach-Townsend award was established in 2006 to honor the two scientists who founded the International Round Tables in 1972: Jean-Louis Imbach and Leroy B. Townsend.

Each of these scientists has made seminal contributions to the area of nucleosides, nucleotides and nucleic acids during their careers. Dr. Imbach focused on the synthesis of nucleosides and oligonucleotides with carbohydrate modifications, as well as on nucleoside monophosphate prodrugs. The main focus of Dr. Townsend's research was on nucleosides with various altered heterocyclic bases. The contributions from their research groups are, and will continue to be, regularly cited in scientific literature.

The award is made to a scientist at each International Round Table based upon the criteria listed below.

1. The scientist should exemplify the spirit and dedication shown by Jean-Louis Imbach and Leroy Townsend during their careers.
2. The award is to recognize outstanding accomplishment in the fields of nucleosides, nucleotides and nucleic acids, and the recipient may be a chemist or a biologist.
3. Recipients may be of any age, but the award is for one or more specific achievements, and is not intended as a lifetime achievement award.

The award recipient will receive a gift, a cash prize, and meeting expenses, and he or she will present a lecture at the XX International Roundtable to be held August 5-9, 2012 in Montreal, Canada, where the award will be presented.

Nominations should include a CV of the proposed candidate and a nomination letter mailed to the attention of Dr. Sommadossi at address given below. Nominations will be entertained through March 15, 2012. All committee members are available for discussions relating to this award.

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