



International Society for Nucleosides, Nucleotides and Nucleic Acids

Imbach-Townsend Award

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The Imbach-Townsend award has been established in 2006 to honor the two scientists who initiated the International Round Tables, beginning in 1972, Jean-Louis Imbach and Leroy B. Townsend. Both of them 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 the scientific literature.

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

- The scientist should exemplify the spirit and dedication shown by Jean-Louis Imbach and Leroy Townsend during their careers.
- 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.
- 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 (she) will deliver a lecture at the XVIII International Roundtable, September 8-12, 2008, Kyoto (Japan), where the award will be presented.

Nominations should be submitted by May 30, 2008 to the chair of the award committee at the address given below. All committee members are available for discussions relating to this award.

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