



EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

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3M Health Care is pleased to announce the Educator of the Year Award. This award recognizes a Member of IAHCSMM who has demonstrated dedication to the advancement of education in the CSSD profession.

The recipient of this award will be recognized during the 2012 Annual Conference and Expo and will receive an engraved plaque plus \$1,000 toward expenses to attend and accept the award.

Bertha Yanis Litsky, Ph. D.

The Educator of the Year Award was established in honor of Dr. Bertha Litsky, who was an environmental microbiologist, researcher and educator at the University of Massachusetts. Her passion, commitment and dedication to her profession propelled her to the status of an international legend and pioneer in health care infection control. Dr. Litsky was a consultant throughout the world to many hospitals, food service entities, manufacturers and suppliers of medical devices. She worked with many institutions, corporations and municipalities, to improve sanitation and promote public health and safety. Bertha became a strong advocate and mentor for the Sterile Processing Profession and was an active participant in IAHCSMM, ASHCSP, AAMI, and AORN. Her expertise and contributions blazed the way to the establishment of many principles and standards of practice relative to infection control, reprocessing, packaging and sterilization. She published several articles and books on relative topics. Dr. Litsky became a sought after speaker and educator throughout the world. Her wit and humor allowed her to deliver her lectures and messages in a manner that left her students with an everlasting impression to guide their future behaviors. She would frequently utilize marionettes dressed as bacteria, skits, humorous stories and other props to emphasize her message. The closing words of all her lectures, delivered with the loud BANG of a starter pistol, still resonates throughout the sterile processing profession: "An unsterile item used in surgery is as dangerous as a loaded gun."

AWARD ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Contributions to the Profession:

The recipient of this award will have demonstrated significant contributions to CSSD education in the calendar year preceding the award. Nominees are eligible for consideration if they have contributed to CSSD education in at least

5 of the following 8 categories:

- IAHCSMM CE Approved Presentation at a National Conference
- IAHCSMM CE Approved Presentation at a Local/Regional Conference
- Published Article in a National Publication
- Published Article in a Local Publication

- Teaching a Certification Course
- Teaching Healthcare Facility In-services
- Other CS/MM-related Educational Projects
- IAHCSMM Committee Membership/Support for Association Programs

Personal Accomplishments:

- Personal accomplishments related to educational endeavors, citations or acknowledgements, etc. Submissions should include a completed copy of this nomination form, a narrative explaining why the nominee should receive this award, and documentation to substantiate the nominee's educational contributions for the previous calendar year (see criteria above).

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Educator of the Year Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Title: _____

Place of Employment _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Nominated by: _____

Title: _____

Place of Employment _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Deadline: February 1

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