

AWARD 1

3M Health Care Bertha Yanis Litsky, Ph. D. Educator of the Year Award

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3M Health Care is pleased to announce the Bertha Yanis Litsky, Ph.D. Educator of the Year Award. The recipient of this award must be an Active Member of IAHCSSM, an Approved Instructor, or an individual who has demonstrated dedication to the advancement of education in the CS profession.

The recipient of this award will receive \$1,000 toward expenses to attend the Annual Meeting to accept this award.

About Bertha Yanis Litsky, Ph. D.

Dr. Bertha Litsky 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 to many hospitals, food service entities, manufacturers and suppliers of medical devices, throughout the world. 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 IAHCSSM, 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 reached her students leaving 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".

Selection Criteria is as follows:

Contributions to the Profession:

The recipient of this award will have demonstrated significant contributions to CS education in the calendar year preceding the award. Nominees are eligible for consideration if they have contributed to CS education in at least 5 of the following 8 categories:

- IAHCSSM CE Approved Presentation at a National Conference
- IAHCSSM CE Approved Presentation at a Local/Regional Meeting
- Published Article in a National Publication
- Published Article in a Local Publication
- Teaching an IAHCSSM Certification Course
- Teaching Healthcare Facility In-services
- Other CS/MM-related Educational Projects
- IAHCSSM 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 (continued)**



Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Nominator's Name _____

Title _____

Hospital _____

Hospital Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone # _____

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Deadline: March 1

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