

Norman R. Farnsworth ASP Research Achievement Awards

by Drs. Jim McAlpine, Mike Tempesta, and John Blunt

The Norman R. Farnsworth ASP Research Achievement Award (NRFASPRAA) Committee solicits nominations for the highest award given by the Society. This award is given for outstanding research furthering the study of pharmacognosy and is presented once a year at the Annual Meeting where the awardee is expected to deliver an Award Address on an aspect of his or her research.

The award carries with it an honorarium of \$5,000 plus expenses to attend the Annual Meeting. Awardees do not have to be members of the Society and service to the Society is not a consideration in choosing the awardee. As the name of the award implies, research achievement in one of the areas of pharmacognosy is the sole criterion. Nominations should include a full curriculum vitae of the nominee and usually include three letters seconding the nomination. They should also include a statement from the nominee that he or she is aware of, and consents to, the nomination.

Selection is made by the selection committee a year ahead of the award and must be ratified by the Executive Committee of the Society. The Selection Committee considers nominations for up to three years after the nomination is received but one of the conditions for consideration is that the nominee be maintaining an active research program at the time the selection is sent to the Executive Committee.

Relatively few nominations have been received by the Committee in the last few years, and your consideration of outstanding researchers in our field is requested.

Nominations should be sent to Dr. Jim McAlpine at 730 Benson Lane, Green Oaks, Illinois 60048, or electronically to jmcalpine@thallion.com. Those nominated for consideration for the 2010 or later awards should be received by March 31, 2009.

December 15, 2008 Awards Deadline

by Dr. Phil Proteau

The deadline for receipt of applications for 2009 ASP travel grants, research grants, and research awards is DECEMBER 15, 2008. This deadline applies to the following awards: Student Research Award, Kilmer Prize, Undergraduate Research Award, General Travel Grants for Graduate Students, Lynn Brady Student Travel Awards, Research Starter Grants, Travel Grants for Active Members, the D. John Faulkner Travel Award, and the Matt Suffness Award (by nomination only).

Special Grants for 2009 - 25 \$1000 Graduate Student Travel Grants

In order to have a high level of graduate student participation at the ASP 50th Anniversary Meeting, ASP will fund 25 \$1000 travel grants for graduate students to present their work in Hawaii.

Details about application requirements for specific grants and awards are posted at the ASP Awards and Grants heading on the website (www.phcog.org/awards/awardgrant.html).

ASP Book Project

Drs. Roy Okuda and Gordon Cragg

The year 2009 is our time to celebrate our important milestone and an excellent chance to both recognize our history, and to look forward to the future of the ASP. For the past several years, a large group of dedicated members and supporters have contributed in many ways to help us mark our special anniversary. The ASP history book is the project involving the largest number of people, 100 or more, and will be published in Spring, 2009.

Dr. Gordon Cragg, in a heroic effort, has compiled and edited articles contributed by over 100 colleagues worldwide. The entire history of the ASP, from inception to present, is described. Other articles describe natural products programs at many institutions in the United States, and in countries and regions throughout the world.

The "story behind the story" of the discovery and development of many of the most significant natural products in the past half century is given, often by the discoverers themselves. A profiles section on past presidents, award winners and honorary members has been compiled by co-editor, Dr. Will Jones, together with Dr. Scott Baggett and other young ASP members. The ASP history book will be a celebration of the Society, its members and their many accomplishments.