



Announcement of "World Dental Hygienists Award" sponsored by the Sunstar Foundation for Oral Health Promotion

The Sunstar Foundation for Oral Health Promotion, has established a new award, the **World Dental Hygienists Award** to recognize dental hygienists who made a great contribution to the dental community, their profession or to the general public. The award will be given to the person selected by a screening committee and presented every three years. All licensed/certified hygienists and students of dental hygiene schools in the world who made prominent contributions to patients, the dental community or to the general public are eligible to this award. For further details, please see application guidelines listed below.

Award Categories One award is granted for each of following three categories:

1. Research paper on dental hygiene (themes not specified)
2. Report of the activities that contributed in promoting oral health
The report shall contain activities that made a prominent contribution to patients, the dental community or to the general public. The impact of the activities needs to be verifiable based on facts. The award is open to individuals as well as groups of dental hygienists who made notable accomplishments in all areas, including counseling, supporting, education and nursing activities, innovation, research, prevention and treatment.
3. Students of dental hygiene schools
Activity report or essay on dental hygiene or volunteer work performed is acceptable. Themes may include visions or hopes for the future in the field of dental hygiene.

Eligibility All licensed/certified dental hygienists are eligible for categories 1 and 2; Category 3 is open to all students of dental hygiene schools in the world. Background information, such as gender, age, nationality, race, religion and affiliations shall not affect the selection criteria.

Deadline June 30, 2006

Applications must be received by June 30, 2006 at the address below.

Applications Manuscripts can be submitted as an individual or as a group, but must not have been published before.

They must be in English and its length is limited to 8 pages excluding photos and references. By applying, applicants agree by these guidelines, and that any winning application may be published in the International Journal of Dental Hygiene. There is no limit as to the activity period.

Please send manuscripts to Ms. Marjolijn Hovius at the address below, indicating to which category application is being made.

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Licensed/certified dental hygienists applying must include a copy of their license or certificate. Students must include a copy of their registration certificate in their school.

Format of the applications:

The applications will follow the format given in the web site of the International Journal of Dental Hygiene (IJDH), Section "INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS" at <http://www.dentistry.blackwellmunksgaard.com/ijdh>

Selection Period July, 2006 – March, 2007

Screening Papers are carefully reviewed and evaluated by the five members of the Screening Committee appointed by the Sunstar Foundation For Oral Health Promotion.

Any doubt, discrepancy or controversy in the interpretation of these guidelines will be settled by the Screening Committee under its sole responsibility and authority.

Screening Committee Members

Chairman: Marjolijn Hovius (Editor-in-Chief, International Journal of Dental Hygiene, IJDH)

Committee members:

Michele Darby: University professor, Old Dominion University, Virginia, USA
Christine Nielsen: Associate Professor, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, USA
Kerstin Öhrn: Associate Professor, Director of Research, Health and Caring Sciences, Dalarna University, Falun, Sweden
Isao Ishikawa: Professor and Chair Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Tokyo, Japan

Awards A total of 3 winners from amongst the 3 categories will be selected and awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.

- Prizes: 1st prize: \$5,000, 2nd prize: \$3,000, 3rd prize: \$2,000
- For each prize a trophy will also be presented

Winners and/or a representative of each winning group, if submission is made as a group, will be invited to the award ceremony at the IFDH Symposium scheduled July 2007 in Toronto, Canada.

Announcement of Winners Winners will be announced on May, 2007 in the International Journal of Dental Hygiene (IJDH), its website and websites of the Sunstar Foundation for Oral Health Promotion, Sunstar Inc. and Sunstar Butler, formerly known as John O. Butler Company.

Public Announcement of Application Guidelines

- 1) In the International Journal of Dental Hygiene (IJDH) and its website after July 2004.
- 2) On the websites of the Sunstar Foundation for Oral Health Promotion, Sunstar Inc., and Sunstar-Butler, formerly known as John O. Butler Company.
- 3) On the website of the International Federation of Dental Hygienists

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