

**UNDERSEA AND HYPERBARIC MEDICAL SOCIETY
AWARD NOMINATIONS
SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE: **APRIL 10: 11:59 pm EST****

The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society presents yearly awards to select individuals recognized for their significant contributions to the specialty of undersea and hyperbaric medicine.

All members of the UHMS in good standing are invited to nominate any individual for their choice of the following awards.

- Please note requirements for nomination as described within the award description.
- To submit nominations, please fill in the attached form. Please note it is important in assisting the awards committee to write a short citation of a maximum of 300 words outlining the reasons why your nominee is deserving of the award.
- Two or more individuals may be jointly nominated for any award if, in the opinion of the nominator, contributed significantly to the effort or project prompting the nomination (for example, a joint research effort).
- Nominations for an individual who has received the same award previously may be considered after a minimum of 5 years has elapsed since the previous award, however only in the event that the current nomination is strictly based upon substantial contributions that differ from those of the prior award.
- Awards may not be awarded in the absence of a suitable nominee

Full details of the nomination and voting process may be found in the Awards Committee Charter ([click here](#)).

THE AWARDS:

The Albert R. Behnke Award:

This is the premier award of the UHMS. This award is presented at the annual meeting to an individual in recognition of outstanding scientific contributions to advances in the undersea or hyperbaric biomedical field. Nominee is **not** required to be a UHMS Member.

Prior Recipients

2024	Lindell Weaver	2012	Richard Vann	2000	None	1988	Herbert A. Saltzman
2023	Michael Strauss	2011	Alf Brubakk	1999	Noemi Bitterman	1987	Leon E. Farhi,
2022	David Doolette	2010	Simon Mitchell	1998	Ronald Y. Nishi	1986	Ralph W. Brauer
2021	John Feldmeier	2009	Keith Van Meter	1997	Claes E.G. Lundgren	1985	Dennis N. Walder
2020	Paul Sheffield	2008	Stephen R. Thom	1996	Stephen R. Thom	1984	Otto Van Der Aue
2019	Enrico Camporesi	2007	Tom S. Neuman	1995	Alf Brubakk	1983	Peter B. Bennett
2018	Paul Cianci	2006	David R. Pendergast	1994	Dag Linnarsson	1982	E.E.P. Barnard
2017	Wayne Gerth	2005	Jean-Claude Rostain	1993	Jon T. Mader	1981	Xavier Fructus
2016	Alfred Bove	2004	None awarded	1992	John M. Hallenbeck	1980	Carl Magnus Hesser
2015	Neil Hampson	2003	James Francis	1991	Jefferson C. Davis	1979	John W. Bean
2014	Paul Weathersby	2002	Yoram Grossman	1990	Mark E. Bradley	1978	Karl E. Schaefer
2013	Richard Moon	2001	Michael Bennett	1989	Heinz R. Schreiner	1977	Edward H. Lanphier

1976	H.V. Hempleman	1973	Hermann Rahn,	1971	George F. Bond
1975	Edgar End	1972	Kenneth W. Donald	1970	Christian J. Lambertsen
1974	Hermann Rahn			1969	Albert R. Behnke

Excellence in Commercial Diving Award:

This award is presented at the annual meeting to a UHMS member for outstanding contributions to the commercial diving industry in the area of increased productivity or performance of the working diver. Specific recognition is given to practical application of biomedical knowledge to the solution of problems encountered in diving operations. Nominee must be a UHMS Member.

Prior Recipients

2024	None	2011	Stephen Reimers	1998	Andre Galerne	1985	Glen H. Egstrom
2023	Philip Bryson	2010	Eric Fink	1997	Robert Wong	1984	Dick Clarke
2022	None awarded	2009	None awarded	1996	C. Gordon Daugherty	1983	David A. Youngblood
2021	None awarded	2008	Yoshihiro Mano	1995	J. Morgan Wells	1982	None awarded
2020	Robert Sanders	2007	Kevan P. Corson	1994	William P. Fife	1981	David H. Elliott
2019	None awarded	2006	None awarded	1993	Richard E. Moon	1980	Hannes Keller
2018	Owen O'Neill	2005	None awarded	1992	Richard D. Vann	1979	Paul Webb
2017	Tony Alleman	2004	None awarded	1991	Ichiro Nashimoto	1978	Edward T. Flynn & William H. Spaur
2016	Keith Van Meter	2003	David Doolette	1990	None awarded	1977	Albert A. Buhlmann
2015	David Smart	2002	David M. Heaney	1989	Wouter Sterk	1976	Xavier Fructus, Robert Naquet, Jean Claude Rostain
2014	Joseph Serio	2001	None awarded	1988	Robert W. Hamilton	1975	Peter Bennett
2013	None awarded	2000	None awarded	1987	Peter Edel		
2012	Mahito Kawashima	1999	None awarded	1986	Henri G. DeLauze		

Excellence in Diving Medicine Award:

This award is presented at the annual meeting to an individual UHMS member for an outstanding contribution to teaching, education, science and/or safety in the field of Diving Medicine and related fields. Nominee must be a UHMS Member.

Prior Recipients

2024	Richard Moon	2015	Neal Pollock	2008	Alessandro Marroni & Donald R. Chandler	2002	Glenn J. Butler & Mahito Kawashima
2023	Robert "Bob" Sanders	2014	John Freiberger & John Wassel	2007	E.Cuauhtemoc Sanchez & Keith Van Meter	2001	Wilbur T.Workman & Oskar F. Ehm
2022	Richard "Dick" Sadler	2013	James Holm & Tracy LeGros	2006	Tom S. Neuman & Eric Kindwall	2000	Drew Richardson, Michael A. Lang, Jordi Desola, Jurg Wendling
2021	Nick Bird	2012	D. Lindsie Cone	2005	David Smart & Mike Davis	1999	Keith Van Meter & Carl Edmonds
2020	Peter Wilmshurst	2011	Morgan Wells & Dick Rutkowski	2004	Dick Clarke	1998	E. Cuauhtemoc Sanchez & Robert Hamilton
2019	Bruce Derrick	2010	Jim Joiner	2003	Richard D. Vann & Helen T. Davis	1997	Robert M. Wong & Paul
2018	Jim Chimiak	2009	Guy Dear				
2017	Petar Denoble						
2016	Simon Mitchell						

	J. Sheffield	1991	Merrill P. Spencer & Mary Anne Rokitka		Arthur J. Bachrach	1980	None awarded
1996	Joel Dovenbarger & David H. Elliott	1990	Yehuda Melamed & Ramsdale R. Pearson	1985	Jefferson C. Davis & Andrew A. Pilmanis	1979	Georges Arnoux & Robert Holland
1995	Glen H., Egstrom & Hideyo Takahashi	1989	James W. Miller	1984	Paul G. Linaweaver & Hugh D. Van Liew	1978	S.A. Warner
1994	Hugh D. VanLiew & Enrico Camporesi	1988	Alfred A. Bove & Robert C. Bornmann	1983	Philip B. James & Norman S. Portenoy		
1993	Eric P. Kindwall & George B. Hart	1987	Carl Edmonds & James Vorosmarti, Jr	1982	James T. Joiner & Charles W. Shilling		
1992	DAN & Dirk J. Bakker	1986	James R. Stewart &	1981	Norman K.I. McIver		

Excellence in Hyperbaric Medicine Award:

This award is presented at the annual meeting to an individual UHMS member in recognition of continued diligence and excellence in the practice of hyperbaric medicine, particularly in areas of basic and clinical research as it might impact patient care. Nominee must be a UHMS Member.

Prior Recipients

2024	Kevin Hardy	2018	Michael Bennett	2011	No Recipient	2004	Martin R. Hamilton-Farrell
2023	Shai Efrati	2017	Brett Hart	2010	Neil Hampson	2003	Michael Strauss
2022	Owen J. O'Neill	2016	Caroline Fife	2009	Jayesh Shah	2002	Lindell Weaver
2021	Enoch Huang and Davut Savaser	2015	Laurie Gesell	2008	Robert Warriner, III		
2020	None awarded	2014	Helen Gelly	2007	J. Benjamin Slade		
2019	Susan Churchill	2013	Paul L. Claus	2006	Jim and Susan Joiner		
		2012	Heather Murphy-Lavoie	2005	None awarded		

Young Scientist/Medical Doctor Award:

This award is presented at the annual meeting to an individual UHMS member. It is to recognize the work of a young scientist or medical doctor whose performance is consistently outstanding. The recipient can be either a clinician or researcher practicing in hyperbaric and/or diving medicine and must not be older than 40 years of age. Nominee must be a UHMS Member.

Prior Recipients

2024	William Toppen	2019	Charlotte Sadler	2014	Mimi Sammarco, PhD	2009	Amir Mor
2023	Kristi Ray	2018	Dawn Kernagis	2013	Bruce J. Derrick & Masaki Horie	2008	None Awarded
2022	Dan Popa and Jon Stockton	2017	Cory R. Dubose & Yolanda Michetti	2012	Anne Cherry	2007	Jayesh Shah
2021	None awarded	2016	Walter Chin	2011	No Recipient		
2020	Virginie Papadopoulou	2015	Takuya Oyaizu	2010	Jorge Dario Gomez Castillo		

The Paul C. Baker Award for Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Safety Excellence:

This award is for an Associate Member, in good standing, for outstanding contributions to the advancement of safety in hyperbaric oxygen therapy. Specific attention is given to those who have implemented outstanding hyperbaric safety programs, authored hyperbaric safety publications, developed, or presented on hyperbaric safety related research. The award may be made for a single contribution of great importance or for many contributions over the years. Nominee must be a UHMS Associate Member.

Prior Recipients

2024	Charles Ramos	2017	None Awarded	2009	Stacy Handley	2002	Jay Duchnick
2023	Andrew Melnyczenko	2016	Sherri Ferguson	2008	Terry Beard	2001	Sue DeSantis & Ken Rideout
2022	Richard "Gus" Gustavson	2015	Julio Garcia	2007	Steve Fabus	2000	Brian Foley
2021	Kaye Moseley	2014	James Bell	2006	Steve Wood	1999	Jim McCarthy
2020	Greg Brown	2013	Jeff Mize	2005	Greg Raleigh	1998	Dick Clarke
2019	Geness Koumandakis	2012	Francois Burman	2004	Kevin Corson & Christy Pirone	1997	Paul Baker
2018	None Awarded	2011	Kevin "Kip" Posey	2003	Robert Sheffield		
		2010	Richard Barry				

Excellence in Critical Care Hyperbaric Medicine Award:

This award is presented at the annual meeting to an Associate member in recognition of all the hyperbaric nurses and hyperbaric technicians who currently spend countless hours on-call as well as dealing with the tragedy and trauma of critical cases in life and death situations worldwide. The specific focus of this award is on the provision of critical care with 24/7 availability, whether in support of commercial or sport diving, undersea medicine, or in the clinical hyperbaric medicine arena. This award is restricted to a nurse or technical staff member from a 24/7 facility. Nominee must be a UHMS Associate Member.

Prior Recipients

2024	Marc Pullis	2019	Julio R. Garcia	2014	Brock Chamberlain	2009	No Recipient
2023	Geness Koumandakis	2018	Greg Brown	2013	Diane McNamara	2008	Ted Gurnee
2022	Jacinta Showers	2017	Esacar Agbay, Jr.	2012	Richard "Gus" Gustavson		
2021	Virginia "Ginny" Nolting and Johnny Sanchez	2016	Wafa Daoud & Megan Zynkian	2011	Tiffany Hamm		
2020	None Awarded	2015	Mary Chin	2010	Jeff Mize		

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AWARD:

- The Albert R. Behnke Award (does not need to be a UHMS member)
- Commercial Diving Award (must be a UHMS member)
- Excellence in Diving Medicine Award (must be a UHMS member)
- Excellence in Hyperbaric Medicine Award (must be a UHMS member)
- Young Scientist/Medical Doctor Award (must be a UHMS member)
- The Paul C. Baker Award for Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Safety Excellence (Associate Only)
- Excellence in Critical Care Hyperbaric Medicine Award (Associate Only)

Nominee's Name

Nominee's Address (If you have)

Nominee's Phone #

Nominee's email:

Supporting Paragraph

Award nominations should be accompanied by a brief description of the work or other activities that prompted the nomination (200-300 words) Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Submitted by:

Your email

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