

# APDWF MERITORIOUS AWARDS

Since the inception of the APDW in 2001, many individuals have contributed significantly to the consolidation and growth of the APDW. This award recognizes the significant contributions an individual has made to the objectives and work of the APDWF in organizing high quality APDW meetings.

## Criteria:

1. Direct significant contribution to the APDW for five or more years
2. Held leadership position(s) in the organization of the APDWF Founder Members\*

## Rules and regulations:

1. Only APDWF Founder Members may propose candidate for the award.
2. Each APDWF Founder Member may propose one candidate in each year. Thus there shall be maximum 4 candidates per year.
3. The APDWF Board of Directors will make the final decision based on 75% majority of those voting with at least one representative from each Founder Member casting the vote. ALL BOARD MEMBERS MUST VOTE BY SECRET BALLOT TO THE SECRETARIAT. NO PROXY IS ALLOWED.
4. Maximum two deserving candidates can receive the award each year.
5. The award will be given only if there is a suitable candidate.
6. The award is NOT an annual award.
7. The recipient may be from outside the APDWF Board.
8. No standing member of the current APDWF Board is eligible for this award.
9. The recipient shall be awarded an honorarium of USD 1,000.

## Administration of the Award:

1. The award will be administered by the APDWF Secretariat.
2. A written proposal must be sent in to the APDWF Secretariat highlighting the contributions and achievements of the proposed candidate at least 12 months before the APDW.
3. The recipient(s) will be informed and asked to be present to receive the award from the APDWF President at the APDW.
4. The award will be held during the opening ceremony.
5. A citation will be read for the recipient at the award ceremony which will be printed on the program with the picture of the recipient(s).
6. The recipient(s) shall be covered accommodation up to 4 nights, Business Class Travel and complimentary registration to attend the APDW

*\*Under APDWF M & AA, Founder Members refer to the following Associations and Societies:*

1. *The Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology Limited ("APAGE")*
2. *The Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver ("APASL")*
3. *The Asian Pacific Society for Digestive Endoscopy Limited ("A-PSDE")*
4. *International Society for Digestive Surgery-Asian Pacific Section ("ISDS-AP")*