

NIH Alumni Association (NIHAA)

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ORIGINAL AIMS OF THE NIH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The NIH Alumni Association (NIHAA) promotes the interest of the NIH in its role as the leading biomedical research institution in the world.

The NIHAA is founded on the belief that service to biomedical science can be enhanced by an association of individuals who have conducted, supported, and administered research at the NIH.

To assist in achieving these aims, the NIHAA will:

- Enable alumni to maintain ties with the NIH;
- Provide alumni an opportunity to stay in touch with each other and with current scientific events;
- Promote opportunities for discussion of issues relating to research, health policy, disease control, biotechnology, and other issues;
- Help the NIH enlist promising postdoctoral fellows and research scientists;
- Educate lay and professional groups about scientific issues, the value of biomedical research, NIH programs and policy matters related to the NIH and research;
- Facilitate interaction between the NIH and the private sector;
- Arrange speakers and programs for educational purposes;
- Publish a newsletter, *NIHAA Update*, to foster communication.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The knowledge, skills, and energy of many individuals and organizations buttress the NIH mission: “to improve the health of the people of the United States by increasing understanding of the process underlying human health and by acquiring new knowledge to help prevent, diagnose, and treat disease.” The organizers of today’s meeting outline below some of the ways the NIHAA has contributed to both NIH and the biomedical community over the past two decades.

- ✓ Sponsored Alumni Day Symposia at NIH Research Festivals;
- ✓ Recruited as many as 1,400 members with chapters in the Washington, DC, area and in twelve foreign countries;
- ✓ Formed a Speaker’s Bureau to provide opportunities for alumni to give talks to the public;
- ✓ Informed alumni of NIH news and events through publication of the *NIHAA Update*;
- ✓ Established and supported an annual lectureship honoring James A. Shannon;
- ✓ Presented 13 NIHAA Public Service Awards (1993 through 2005);
- ✓ Initiated the NIHAA Award for Service to NIH and named 5 awardees (2002-2006);
- ✓ Assisted NIH in cataloging historical artifacts in NIH Institutes;
- ✓ Established a volunteer program in support of NIH and placed NIHAA volunteers in a number of areas;
- ✓ Organized social/educational events, including receptions at the Italian and Japanese embassies;
- ✓ Issued a resolution that a security fence at NIH main campus, then in planning, be attractive and designed to accommodate NIH’s neighbors;
- ✓ Called for erection of a parking garage near the NIH Clinical Center.

NIHAA PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDEES

Rep. William H. Natcher (D-KY)	1993
Dr. P. Roy Vagelos	1994
Dr. Maxine F. Singer	1995
Mrs. Florence S. Mahoney	1996
Dr. C. Everett Koop	1997
Dr. Robert Butler	1998
Rep. Constance A. Morella (R-MD)	1999
Dr. June E. Osborn	2000
The Washington Post Health Section	2001
Dr. Donald S. Fredrickson	2002
Dr. Donald A. Henderson	2003
The Honorable Paul G. Rogers	2004
Dr. Rita Colwell	2005

INDIVIDUALS ACCORDED THE NIHAA AWARD FOR SERVICE TO NIH

Dr. Ruth Kirschstein	2002
Mr. Randolph Schools	2003
Dr. Claude Lenfant	2004
Dr. Philip Chen, Jr.	2006
Dr. Victoria A. Harden	2006

JAMES A. SHANNON LECTURERS

Dr. Joseph L. Goldstein	1997
Dr. Leon E. Rosenberg	1998
Dr. Purnell W. Choppin	1999
Dr. Marcia Angell	2001
Dr. Rita R. Colwell	2001
Dr. Donald Kennedy	2002
Dr. Harvey V. Fineberg	2003
Dr. Herbert Pardes	2004

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Harriet R. Greenwald

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Mary Calley Hartman