

The Louis Schmidt Award Recipients

- 1948-Leo C. Massopust, FBPA
1949-Anne Shiras, FBPA
1950-Stella Zimmer, FBPA
1951-Ralph P. Creer, FBPA
1952-Leonard A. Julin, RBP, FBPA
1953-Oscar W. Richards, PhD, FBPA
1954-Ferdinand R. Harding, RBP, FBPA
1955-C. Graham Eddy, FBPA
1956-Mervin W. LaRue, Sr., FBPA
1957-Lloyd E. Varden, RBP, FBPA
1958-Albert Levin, RBP, FBPA
1959-Paul H. Holinger, MD, FBPA
1960-H. Lou Gibson, RBP, FBPA
1961-Warren Sturgis, RBP, FBPA
1962-Stanley J. McComb, RBP, FBPA
1963-Maria E. Ikenberg, RBP, FBPA
1964-Peter Hansell, MD, RBP, FBPA
1965-Howard E. Tribe, RBP, FBPA
1966-John V. Butterfield, FBPA
1967-not awarded
1968-Chester F. Reather, RBP, FBPA
1969-Laurence B. Brown, RBP, FBPA
1970-Verlin Y. Yamamoto, RBP, FBPA
1971-Stephen P. Dittman, RBP, FBPA
1972-Clifford L. Freeche, RBP, FBPA
1973-Stanley Klosevych, RBP, DplRMS, FBPA
1974-Roger P. Loveland, FBPA
1975-E. Lynn Baldwin, RBP, FBPA
1976-Charles P. Hodge, RBP, FBPA
1977-Lardner A. Coffey, RBP, FBPA
1978-John P. Vetter, RBP, FBPA
1979-Donald H. Fritts, RBP, FBPA
1980-Fritz Goro, RBP, FBPA
1981-I. Lloyd Matlovsky, RBP, FBPA
1982-Leslie Bowcock, MB, ChB, AIMBI
1983-H. Paul Newman, RBP, FBPA
1984-Percy Brooks, RBP, FBPA
1985-Leon J. LeBeau, FBPA, FIMBI
1986-Nile Root, RBP, FBPA
1987-Martin L. Scott, FBPA
1988-Ralph J. Marshall, PhD, AIMBI
1989-Thomas P. Hurtgen, MBA, FBPA
1990-Raymond, E. Lund, RBP, FBPA, FIMI
1991-Robert F. Sisson, RBP, FBPA
1992-Nicholas M. Graver, RBP, FBPA
1993-A. Robin Williams, FBPA
1994-Will E. Renner, RBP, FBPA
1995-Dan Patton, RBP, FBPA
1996-Kenneth V. Michaels, FBPA
1997-Ronald F. Irvine, RBP, FBPA
1998-Heather Angel, DSc, MSc, FRPS, FBIPP
1999-Richard M. Williams, FBPA
2000-Herbert R. Smith Jr., MA, FBPA
2001-William J. Stenstrom, FBPA
2002-W. David Tredinnick, FBPA, FRPS,
Hon. FIMI
2003-Joseph Ogrodnick, FBPA
2004-Robert C. Turner, RBP, FBPA

The 2004 Louis Schmidt Laureate



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The Louis Schmidt Award

This Award—the highest given in the BCA—is named for our second President. It is awarded annually for "outstanding contributions to the progress of biological communications." The selection of the recipient each year is made by a committee composed of the nine most recent winners. This selection is subject to the approval of the Board of Governors.

Mr. Schmidt was in charge of photography at the Rockefeller Institute in New York City, and was a founding member of the BPA in 1931. He had an abiding interest in sharing his photographic knowledge with his students, and in promoting the highest technical standards in our association.

In 1945, on the occasion of his death, the BPA Journal commented, "In many ways, the BPA is a monument to Louis Schmidt."

To give special distinction to the Award, those who receive it are known as "Louis Schmidt Laureates."

The Biocommunications Association, Inc., is grateful to Mrs. Mary Lappan Vetter, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the generous gift of a 100-year-old, gold-headed cane. It was received August 4, 1990, in Phoenix, Arizona. The cane is part of the BCA Louis Schmidt Award and was presented the first time to Robert E. Sisson on August 3, 1991, in Tampa, Florida.

The gold head is composed of heavy inlaid gold on a copper base. The principal value of the cane is due to the goldsmith's ability to create and fashion a design of elegant beauty. The cane's original owner was Dr. Goebel who received it in a presentation of unknown designation in 1902. It came into Mrs. Mary Lappan Vetter's possession upon the death of her uncle, Father Thomas T. Lappan.

Many universities, colleges and hospitals in Great Britain and America have adopted the practice of awarding a gold-headed cane as the highest honor that can be bestowed on one of their staff members. The Biocommunications Association, through the generous gift of Mary Vetter, is pleased to present this special cane as its highest honor.

The 2004 Louis Schmidt Laureate

Robert C. Turner, RBP, FBPA

Bob Turner is the Director of the BioMedical Graphics Department at The Scripps Research Institute (TSRI) in La Jolla, California. He is a Registered Biological Photographer, holds a Master of Business Administration in Health Care Administration, and is a Fellow of the Biological Photographic Association (FBPA).

In 1966 Bob joined the U.S. Navy where he served as a Hospital Corpsman. He graduated from the Navy Medical Photography School, Bethesda, Maryland in 1969, the same year he joined BPA. Following his military service, Bob worked for two and a half years at the Forsyth Dental Center in Boston. In 1975 he accepted a position as a medical photographer with the Veterans Administration Hospital, La Jolla, California. Within the next four and a half years, Bob served on BPA's Board of Registry, hosted numerous BPA chapter meetings, and completed his collegiate studies at Palomar College and National University. In 1979, after earning his MBA, he accepted an offer to be the supervisor of the photography laboratory at the former Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, where he was later named Director.

Since joining BPA Bob has been very active in the organization. He has presented more than thirty-five oral papers at local, national, and international meetings, conducted five workshops on digital photography, and in 1995 was the invited keynote speaker at the Society for Medical and Biological Illustration's (SMBI) annual conference in Faaborg, Denmark. Bob is also the recipient of the 1998 Clifford L. Freehe BCA Education Award, sponsored by the BCA Pacific Northwest Chapter.

Bob served for several years as Director of Conferences, was Scientific Program Chair and Session Moderator at annual meetings on several occasions, was General Chair of BPA's 52nd annual meeting and has served on the Board of Registry, Board of Governors and numerous Association committees. He served as BCA's President (1999-2001) and is currently the Chair of the Management Board of the *Journal of Biocommunication*. Bob exhibits his photography often in the annual BioImages exhibition and has won many awards. His photographs have appeared on the covers of *Nature*, *Cell Biology*, *Cardiovascular Medicine*, *Molecular Biology Science*, and the *Journal of Biological Photography*.

Bob continues to be a vital part of the ongoing life and activities of BCA and the field of biocommunications.
