

# The Louis Schmidt Award

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| 1948 – Leo C. Massopust, FBPA          | 1979 – Donald H. Fritts, RBP, FBPA   |
| 1949 – Anne Shiras, FBPA               | 1980 – Fritz Goro, RBP, FBPA         |
| 1950 – Stella Zimmer, FBPA             | 1981 – I. Lloyd Matlovsky, RBP, FBPA |
| 1951 – Ralph P. Creer, FBPA            | 1982 – Leslie Bowcock, MD, AIMBI     |
| 1952 – Leonard A. Julin, RBP, FBPA     | 1983 – H. Paul Newman, RBP, FBPA     |
| 1953 – Oscar W. Richards, PhD, FBPA    | 1984 – Percy Brooks, RBP, FBPA       |
| 1954 – Ferdinand R. Harding, RBP, FBPA | 1985 – Leon J. LeBeau, FBPA          |
| 1955 – C. Graham Eddy, FBPA            | 1986 – Nile Root, RBP, FBPA          |
| 1956 – Mervin W. LaRue, Sr., FBPA      | 1987 – Martin L. Scott, FBPA         |
| 1957 – Lloyd E. Varden, RBP, FBPA      | 1988 – Ralph J. Marshall, PhD        |
| 1958 – Albert Levin, RBP, FBPA         | 1989 – Thomas P. Hurtgen, FBPA       |
| 1959 – Paul H. Holinger, MD, FBPA      | 1990 – Raymond E. Lund, RBP, FBPA    |
| 1960 – H. Lou Gibson, RBP, FBPA        | 1991 – Robert F. Sisson, RBP, FBPA   |
| 1961 – Warren Sturgis, RBP, FBPA       | 1992 – Nicholas M. Graver, RBP, FBPA |
| 1962 – Stanley J. McComb, RBP, FBPA    | 1993 – A. Robin Williams, FBPA       |
| 1963 – Marie E. Ikenberg, RBP, FBPA    | 1994 – Will E. Renner, RBP, FBPA     |
| 1964 – Peter Hansell, MD, RBP, FBPA    | 1995 – Dan Patton, RBP, FBPA         |
| 1965 – Howard E. Tribe, RBP, FBPA      | 1996 – Kenneth V. Michaels, FBPA     |
| 1966 – John V. Butterfield, FBPA       | 1997 – Ronald F. Irvine, RBP, FBPA   |
| 1967 – not awarded                     | 1998 – Heather Angel, FRPS, FBIPP    |
| 1968 – Chester F. Reather, RBP, FBPA   | 1999 – Richard M. Williams, FBPA     |
| 1969 – Laurence B. Brown, RBP, FBPA    | 2000 – Herbert R. Smith, Jr., FBPA   |
| 1970 – Verlin Y. Yamamoto, RBP, FBPA   | 2001 – William J. Stenstrom, FBPA    |
| 1971 – Stephen P. Dittman, RBP, FBPA   | 2002 – W. David Tredinnick, FBPA     |
| 1972 – Clifford L. Freehe, RBP, FBPA   | 2003 – Joseph Ogrodnick, FBPA        |
| 1973 – Stanley Klosevych, RBP, FBPA    | 2004 – Robert C. Turner, RBP, FBPA   |
| 1974 – Roger P. Loveland, FBPA         | 2005 – Samuel Giannavola, RBP, FBPA  |
| 1975 – E. Lynn Baldwin, RBP, FBPA      | 2006 – Gigi Williams, FBPA           |
| 1976 – Charles P. Hodge, RBP, FBPA     | 2007 – Michael R. Peres, RBP, FBPA   |
| 1977 – Lardner A. Coffey, RBP, FBPA    |                                      |
| 1978 – John P. Vetter, RBP, FBPA       |                                      |

## The 2007 Louis Schmidt Laureate



*Michael R. Peres, RBP,*

# The Louis Schmidt Award

**T**his 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 1943, 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 F. 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 2006 Louis Schmidt Laureate

*Michael R. Peres, RBP, FBPA*

Michael R. Peres has had a distinguished career as an educator, photographer, writer, editor, and imaging consultant for more than 25 years. He has served as Program Chair and Professor in the Biomedical Photographic Communications program in the School of Photographic Arts & Sciences of Rochester Institute of Technology since 1989. He began his association with the department in 1986. In 2003, Peres was awarded the RIT Eisenhart Award, given for outstanding teaching at the university for his innovation and activities in the classroom. Peres also serves as one of the coordinators of the RIT Big Shot and the Images from Science exhibition.

During the past 20 years at RIT, one of the world's most-acclaimed centers for advanced study in the imaging arts and sciences, Peres has educated and influenced an entire generation of students. Dedicated to their creative and professional development, Peres has played a major role in preparing them for successful careers as leaders in their field of photographic endeavor. Before he began his teaching career, he worked as the supervisor of photography at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, as well as the Chief Medical Photographer, West Virginia University Medical Center, Charleston, West Virginia.

An exhibiting photographer, his work has been featured in numerous exhibitions, including several solo exhibitions. He is currently serving as Chair of the Nominating Committee for the Lennart Nilsson Award (Stockholm, Sweden), a position he was invited to assume in 1998. Peres has been actively publishing for most of his career and most recently served as Editor-in-Chief for the completely revised 888-page *Focal Encyclopedia of Photography, Fourth Edition* published in April 2007 by Focal Press in Boston.

Michael Peres earned a B.A. in Biology from Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois and he continued his education at Rochester Institute of Technology, earning a B.S. degree in Biomedical Photographic Communications in 1982, as well as an M.S. in Instructional Technology in 1991.

He has been an Imaging Consultant to numerous companies, including Eastman Kodak, Inc., Bausch and Lomb, Inc., Sony, Inc., Carl Zeiss, Central Intelligence Agency, Wm. Brown Publishers, Butterworth/Focal Press, Xerox Corporation and New York Botanical Gardens.

Peres has been an active member of the BioCommunications Association since 1978 and was awarded a Fellowship in 1995. He was a member of the Board of Governors and was also Director, Committee for Professional Education from 1995-1998. As Workshop Coordinator, he organized the workshops for BIOCMM 96, 97, 98, 03 & 04. He has served the organization in numerous other capacities on both the international and chapter level. He resides in Rochester, New York with his wife, Laurie, and children, Jonathan and Leah.