

The Louis Schmidt Award

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| 1948 – Leo C. Massopust, FBPA | 1980 – Fritz Goro, RBP, FBPA |
| 1949 – Anne Shiras, FBPA | 1981 – I. Lloyd Matlovsky, RBP, FBPA |
| 1950 – Stella Zimmer, FBPA | 1982 – Leslie Bowcock, MD, AIMBI |
| 1951 – Ralph P. Creer, FBPA | 1983 – H. Paul Newman, RBP, FBPA |
| 1952 – Leonard A. Julin, RBP, FBPA | 1984 – Percy Brooks, RBP, FBPA |
| 1953 – Oscar W. Richards, PhD, FBPA | 1985 – Leon J. LeBeau, FBPA |
| 1954 – Ferdinand R. Harding, RBP, FBPA | 1986 – Nile Root, RBP, FBPA |
| 1955 – C. Graham Eddy, FBPA | 1987 – Martin L. Scott, FBPA |
| 1956 – Mervin W. LaRue, Sr., FBPA | 1988 – Ralph J. Marshall, PhD |
| 1957 – Lloyd E. Varden, RBP, FBPA | 1989 – Thomas P. Hurtgen, FBPA |
| 1958 – Albert Levin, RBP, FBPA | 1990 – Raymond E. Lund, RBP, FBPA |
| 1959 – Paul H. Holinger, MD, FBPA | 1991 – Robert F. Sisson, RBP, FBPA |
| 1960 – H. Lou Gibson, RBP, FBPA | 1992 – Nicholas M. Graver, RBP, FBPA |
| 1961 – Warren Sturgis, RBP, FBPA | 1993 – A. Robin Williams, FBPA |
| 1962 – Stanley J. McComb, RBP, FBPA | 1994 – Will E. Renner, RBP, FBPA |
| 1963 – Marie E. Ikenberg, RBP, FBPA | 1995 – Dan Patton, RBP, FBPA |
| 1964 – Peter Hansell, MD, RBP, FBPA | 1996 – Kenneth V. Michaels, FBPA |
| 1965 – Howard E. Tribe, RBP, FBPA | 1997 – Ronald F. Irvine, RBP, FBPA |
| 1966 – John V. Butterfield, FBPA | 1998 – Heather Angel, FRPS, FBIPP |
| 1967 – not awarded | 1999 – Richard M. Williams, FBPA |
| 1968 – Chester F. Reather, RBP, FBPA | 2000 – Herbert R. Smith, Jr., FBPA |
| 1969 – Laurence B. Brown, RBP, FBPA | 2001 – William J. Stenstrom, FBPA |
| 1970 – Verlin Y. Yamamoto, RBP, FBPA | 2002 – W. David Tredinnick, FBPA |
| 1971 – Stephen P. Dittman, RBP, FBPA | 2003 – Joseph Ogradnick, FBPA |
| 1972 – Clifford L. Freehe, RBP, FBPA | 2004 – Robert C. Turner, RBP, FBPA |
| 1973 – Stanley Klosevych, RBP, FBPA | 2005 – Samuel Giannavola, RBP, FBPA |
| 1974 – Roger P. Loveland, FBPA | 2006 – Gigi Williams, FBPA |
| 1975 – E. Lynn Baldwin, RBP, FBPA | 2007 – Michael R. Peres, RBP, FBPA |
| 1976 – Charles P. Hodge, RBP, FBPA | 2008 – Norman J. Barker, RBP, FBPA |
| 1977 – Lardner A. Coffey, RBP, FBPA | 2009 – Steven J. Harrison, FBPA |
| 1978 – John P. Vetter, RBP, FBPA | 2010 – Andrew Davidhazy |
| 1979 – Donald H. Fritts, RBP, FBPA | |

The 2010 Louis Schmidt Laureate



Andrew Davidhazy

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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 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.

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Andrew Davidhazy

Professor Andrew Davidhazy has had a distinguished career as an educator, photographer, writer, inventor and imaging consultant for nearly 50 years. He earned an Associate in Applied Science degree in Photographic Science and a BFA in Photographic Illustration from Rochester Institute of Technology. He received an MFA from RIT in 1968. His thesis project exploring “Streak Photography and Future Display Techniques” laid the groundwork for much of his life's work.

He joined the teaching faculty of RIT's School of Photographic Arts and Sciences in 1979 where he explored the boundaries of what is possible when photographing mostly invisible events. Since 1988, he has served as Chair and Professor of the Imaging and Photographic Technology. Dedicated to his students’ creative and professional development, Davidhazy has played a major role in preparing them for successful careers as leaders in photographic and imaging fields. He received an RIT Eisenhart Award for outstanding teaching and innovation in the classroom.

Davidhazy’s work has been featured in hundreds of solo and group exhibitions worldwide and in countless of books and magazines. He was awarded the Fellowship of the Society for Imaging Science and Technology for outstanding achievement in imaging science and engineering and received the Professor Raymond C. Bowman Award from the Society for Imaging Science and Technology. He also received Awards of Distinction as an Associate from the Royal Photographic Society and the Photographic Society of America.

We are proud to recognize Andrew Davidhazy as the 2010 Louis Schmidt Laureate.

