



DISTINGUISHED MERIT AWARD

PURPOSE

The Distinguished Merit Award is offered once every two years in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the international advancement of the science and art of cancer nursing.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

- The successful nominee will be a registered nurse who has made a significant and innovative contribution to cancer practice, education, research, or management at an international level.
- This contribution should go beyond that which would be normally expected of a registered nurse in his/her particular sphere of professional endeavour.
- The award is not designed to recognise long and faithful service by an oncology nurse in the practice of his/her profession.
- A higher degree or other academic attainment is not a pre-requisite for nomination and selection.
- The nominee for the award must hold an appointment for which a nursing qualification is required or for which such a qualification is relevant.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- Nominations can be made by any full or associate member organisation.
- Two letters of support should accompany each nomination.
- Only one nomination from each organisation will be accepted.
- The proposed nominee must accept the nomination.
- Current ISNCC board members are not eligible for nomination.

TIMEFRAMES

- Nominations will be called for in June of the year preceding the ISNCC conference.
- Nominations and supporting documents must be received by no later than **December 31st** in the same year.
- Successful nominees will be notified by April 30th of the year in which the conference is to be held.

SELECTION PROCESS

- The ISNCC requires that a nominating committee deal with the nominations and selection processes for the Distinguished Merit Award.
- This committee will be responsible for following up each nomination to ensure that the nomination criteria are met.
- The list of nominations will be forwarded to each committee member and the nominations ranked.
- The committee will then recommend their selection to the board for endorsement.
- The President of ISNCC will contact the successful nominee.
- The Chair of the standing committee is responsible for notifying the organisations whose nominees were unsuccessful.

NB: In the event that no nomination achieves the required standard, no award will be made

PRESENTATION AND INSIGNIA

- The ISNCC President or nominee will make a citation on the achievements of the awardee.
- The awardee will be invited with an opportunity to respond to the award citation (10 minutes).
- The awardee will receive a distinctive insignia and a scroll approved by the ISNCC Honorary Officers.
- The names of the awardee will be inscribed in a Register of Awards to be held and maintained by the Secretariat of ISNCC and posted on the ISNCC website.
- Appropriate press releases will be made regarding the award with the co-operation of the awardee.
- The awardee will be expected to participate in an interview with the editor of the ISNCC newsletter.

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- The awardee will be appointed an honorary individual member of ISNCC.

FUNDING

Reimbursement will be made for an economy class return airfare to the conference venue, two day's per diem expenses at a rate to include hotel accommodation and a complimentary conference registration.



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NOMINATION FORM: PART I

Name of Nominee _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Country _____ Email _____

Tel _____ Fax _____

Name of Nominator _____

Academic Position/Title _____

Organisation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Country _____ Email _____

Tel _____ Fax _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Letter of Support

Academic Position/Title _____

Organisation _____

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Organisation _____

NOMINATION FORM PART II

Summary of Contributions

Using the following headings, please summarise the nominee's contribution to cancer nursing.

National

Regional

International

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CHECKLIST FOR NOMINATION PACKAGE

Please ensure that all the following items are included in your nomination package.

Nomination Form (Part I)	
Nomination Form (Part II)	
Nominee's Curriculum Vitae	
Two Letters of Support	

Submit the completed nomination package plus supporting material as an e-mail attachment to the ISNCC Secretariat. Where no e-mail is available, **four** paper and **one** disc copy should be submitted by mail to the ISNCC Secretariat.

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Deadline for receipt of nominations has been extended to January 31, 2008.