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Dear Doctor Kalkwarf:

I am pleased to send you the enclosed Call for Nominations for the 2010 **Norton M. Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research**. Since the award was established in 1991, winners have represented a wide range of disciplines including periodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, oral pathology and oral medicine. In 2009, Dr. Jan T. Lindhe received the award for his research on the complex and inter-related etiologic factors affecting periodontitis.

Once again, we are seeking to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions in clinical investigations that have advanced the diagnosis, treatment and/or prevention of craniofacial-oral-dental diseases, as well as outstanding research accomplishments in other areas. The \$5,000 award, which is sponsored by the American Dental Association through its Foundation with the support of Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Products, Division of McNeil-PPC, Inc., will be presented to the recipient in 2010.

We would appreciate it if you would discuss this award with your dean of research and submit any nominations and curriculum vitae by the **May 3, 2010 deadline**. The enclosed brochure provides additional details on the criteria and nomination procedures. The letter(s) of nomination should be explicit in describing the impact of the nominee's research on clinical dentistry.

If you have questions about the award or the nomination procedure, please do not hesitate to call me at 312-440-2767.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Balabanow

Carol A. Balabanow, Staff Coordinator
The Norton M. Ross Award for
Excellence in Clinical Research

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Ronald L. Tankersley, president
Dr. Daniel M. Meyer, senior vice president, Science/Professional Affairs

Call for Nominations

Recipients of the Norton M. Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research to date comprise a group of distinguished clinical investigators. The diversity of disciplines represented and the outstanding contributions to clinical research by each recipient truly reflects the objectives of the Award, thereby honoring the memory of Dr. Norton M. Ross.

Below are the past winners of the Norton M. Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research.

- 1991 Sigurd P. Ramfjord, *Periodontics*
- 1992 Sture Nyman, *Periodontics*
- 1993 Daniel M. Laskin, *Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery*
- 1994 William R. Proffit, *Orthodontics*
- 1995 Robert J. Gorlin, *Oral Pathology*
- 1996 Sol Silverman, Jr., *Oral Medicine*
- 1997 Karl F. Leinfelder, *Dental Materials*
- 1998 Roy C. Page, *Periodontics*
- 1999 Sigmund S. Socransky, *Periodontics*
- 2000 Bruce J. Baum, *Oral Medicine*
- 2001 Lorne M. Golub, *Periodontics*
- 2002 Thomas E. Van Dyke, *Periodontics*
- 2003 Robert J. Genco, *Periodontics*
- 2004 Deborah Greenspan,
Oral Health Issues, HIV/AIDS
- 2005 Samuel F. Dworkin, *Orofacial Pain*
- 2006 Steven Offenbacher, *Periodontics*
- 2007 John D. B. Featherstone, *Cariology*
- 2008 Jack G. Caton, *Periodontics*
- 2009 Jan T. Lindhe, *Periodontics*

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Norton M. Ross Award

For Excellence in Clinical Research

Background and Objective

The Norton M. Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research was established to recognize investigators whose clinical research has had a meaningful impact on some aspect of clinical dentistry. Nineteen distinguished recipients have received the award since its inception in 1991.

This award honors the memory of Dr. Norton M. Ross (1925-1990), a dentist and pharmacologist who spent most of his career in academic and research positions. Dr. Ross elevated clinical research to a higher level of scientific standards. His considerable contributions to the fields of oral medicine and dental clinical research have had a positive and lasting influence on the public's oral health.

This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions in clinical investigations that have advanced the diagnosis, treatment and/or prevention of craniofacial-oral-dental diseases, as well as outstanding research endeavors in other areas.

Nomination Procedure

Submit a concise letter(s) of nomination describing the nominee's accomplishments in the context of the award's objectives, along with the nominee's curriculum vitae and a list of publications. The letter(s) should be explicit in describing the impact of the nominee's research on clinical dentistry.

Criteria

Selection is based upon the scope of the nominee's research, with special emphasis on its impact on clinical dentistry and on publications in refereed journals.

Award recipients typically demonstrate a high level of creativity and innovation. For example, individuals who have not only developed new materials but also conducted the clinical trials necessary to translate the research results to clinical application are more probable candidates than those involved solely in clinical testing of dental materials or other products. They may have generated new insights into disease etiology and/or pathogenesis, which, in turn, have led to changes in therapeutic and/or preventive measures for a given disease.

Award and Recognition

The recipient will receive a \$5,000 honorarium and a plaque.

Sponsorship

The American Dental Association sponsors the award through the ADA Foundation, with the generous support of Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Products, Division of McNeil-PPC, Inc.

Deadline

Nominations must be received at ADA headquarters by May 3, 2010. Please address nominations to:

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