CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases is accepting nominations for The Maxwell Finland Award for Scientific Achievement and The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Award for Humanitarian Contributions to the Health of Humankind.

Any individual or group may submit a nomination for The Maxwell Finland Award for Scientific Achievement or for The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Award for Humanitarian Contributions to the Health of Humankind. All nominations must include: (1) a nominating letter with a detailed description of the nominee’s accomplishments meriting the award, not exceeding two pages in length; (2) a seconding letter, not exceeding one page in length; (3) a one-sentence citation explaining how the nominee’s overall accomplishments or specific achievements have made a national or international contribution to the area of human health; and (4) the nominee’s curriculum vitae or, in the case of nominees for The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Award for Humanitarian Contributions to the Health of Humankind, a biographical sketch. Only written material will be considered. Persons nominated must be living at the time of nomination. Nominations must be postmarked by May 14, 2005, and should be submitted to:

The Awards Committee
National Foundation for Infectious Diseases
4733 Bethesda Avenue, Suite 750
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

The Awards Committee of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) will receive, consider, and make recommendations on nominations for the awards. The Committee’s recommendations for The Maxwell Finland Award for Scientific Achievement will be acted upon by the Foundation’s Board of Directors. The Committee’s recommendations for The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Award for Humanitarian Contributions to the Health of Humankind will be acted upon by the Foundation’s Board of Directors and Board of Trustees.

Awards will be presented at a black-tie dinner in February or March 2006 in Washington, D.C. Recipients must be present at the ceremony to receive the awards.

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases was established in 1973, as a nonprofit, tax-exempt, non-governmental organization to support public and professional education about and research into the causes, cures, and prevention of infectious diseases.
The Maxwell Finland Award for Scientific Achievement

This Award is named for Maxwell Finland, M.D., a distinguished scholar and scientist who pioneered work in epidemiology and antimicrobial resistance, and helped define the discipline of infectious diseases as we know it today. The Award, developed in 1988, now recognizes scientists who have made outstanding contributions to the understanding of infectious diseases or public health.

Some of the criteria on which selection is based include:
- Excellence in clinical and/or research activities;
- Participation in the training of future leaders in the field; and
- Positive impact on the health of humankind.

The Award, sculptured by Sharon Gainsburg, is a three-dimensional marplex of the double helix, the symbol of NFID.

The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Award for Humanitarian Contributions to the Health of Humankind

This Award is named for Former President Jimmy Carter and Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, the first recipients of the Award. The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Award for Humanitarian Contributions to the Health of Humankind was developed to recognize people who have made outstanding humanitarian contributions to improving the health of humankind. Priority is given to contributions in the area of infectious diseases.

Some of the criteria on which selection is based include:
- Legislative or administrative contributions;
- Humanitarian service; and/or
- Public education activities.

The Award, designed by Steuben, is a three-dimensional glass sculpture of the double helix, the symbol of NFID.