

RACHEL CARSON AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Deadline for nominations is February 28

Section One: DESCRIPTION of AWARD (Also see the Background section at the end of Form.)

The AIHA Rachel Carson Award consists of:

1. A physical award;
2. A 15-20 minute presentation by recipient about his/her environmental efforts,
3. A photograph taken during award presentation to be published in The Synergist.

Section Two: CRITERIA and SELECTION PROCESS

1. The nominee must have advanced the public's awareness of environmental safety and health issues; problems and solutions; or recognition, evaluation and control of a hazard that adversely affects the community and the environment. [Note: It is NOT a requirement that the nominee be a member of the AIHA Environmental Issues Committee (or formerly the Hazardous Waste Committee), or a member of the AIHA.]
2. The nominee must be available to receive the award at the AIHCE.
3. The award will be presented at the Environmental Issues Committee's Podium Session, which is at AIHce
4. The nominator must prepare the Nomination Form and an essay/ statement and submit it to the Committee by the deadline.
5. The Award Sub-committee will review all the nomination forms submitted in a timely manner and make a recommendation to the Environmental Issues Committee.
6. The AIHA Environmental Issues Committee will select the recipient(s) by electronic ballot.
7. The recipient will be notified at least 30 days prior to the AIHce in order for him/her to arrange for travel.
8. The AIHA Environmental Issues Committee does not pay the recipient's travel to the AIHce.
9. An award may not be given in a particular year, if no candidate is selected.

Section Three: INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINEE

1. Full Name: _____
2. Home/Work Address: _____

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3. City: _____
4. State: _____
5. Zip code: _____
6. Phone: _____
7. Present occupation (Include title and company, profession, business address, etc.; if retired, date of retirement.): _____
8. State why the nominee deserves this award and outline nominee's extraordinary commitment, dedication and service to the advancement of the goals, objectives, mission and vision of the AIHA and the AIHA Environmental Issues Committee. (Note: There is a 500 word maximum. May attach essay/statement separately to this form.)

10. Other information of interest (such as, publications, relevant civic activities, etc.):

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Section Four: CONTACT INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINATOR

1. Nominator's Name: _____
2. Nominator's Address: _____
3. Phone number: _____
4. Fax number: _____
5. E-mail address: _____
6. How the person knows the candidate: _____

This information is requested to nominate a candidate. It will not be disclosed to anyone outside the AIHA without the nominee's permission. Nomination form and essay will be maintained and automatically resubmitted for the additional two years if not selected the year submitted.

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AIHA Environmental Issues Committee Achievement Award

Call for Nominations

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Background

What Rachel Carson noted 53 years ago in *Silent Spring* could have been written yesterday: "...we have put poisonous and biologically potent chemicals indiscriminately into the hands of persons largely or wholly ignorant of their potentials for harm. We have subjected enormous numbers of people to contact with these poisons, without their consent and often without their knowledge. It is the public that is being asked to assume the risks that the insect controllers calculate. The public must decide whether it wishes to continue on the present road, and it can only do so when in full possession of the facts.The choice, after all, is ours to make. If, after having endured much, we have at last asserted our 'right to know,' and if, knowing, we have concluded that we are being asked to take senseless and frightening risks, then we should no longer accept the counsel of those who tell us that we must fill our world with poisonous chemicals; we should look about and see what other course is open to us." (*Silent Spring*, 1962)

Established in 1987 as the Drum Buster Award, when this committee was the AIHA-ACGIH Hazardous Waste Committee, and renamed the Rachel Carson Award in 2002, after the committee was renamed the AIHA Environmental Issues Committee, this is the highest honor bestowed upon an environmental health and safety (EH&S) professional by the AIHA Environmental Issues Committee, on behalf of the American Industrial Hygiene Association. It is presented to those EH&S persons who have attained outstanding success and distinction in their Environmental and Industrial Health and Safety business, profession or life's work.

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Selection Criteria

1. Nominations are required to be submitted using the Committee's Nomination Form, and will remain on file for three years. If the nominee is not selected to receive the award during this three-year period, he/she or they may be re-nominated for an additional three-year period.
2. Nominee must have advanced public awareness of environmental safety and health issues; problems and solutions; or recognition, evaluation and control of a hazard that adversely affects the community and the environment. [Note: It is NOT a requirement that the nominee be a member of the AIHA Environmental Issues Committee (or formerly the Hazardous Waste Committee), or a member of the AIHA.]
3. Nominee must possess stature, demonstrated ability and renown that AIHA members will take pride in and be inspired by his/her recognition.
4. Nominee's accomplishments must have advanced the goals, objectives, mission and vision of the AIHA Environmental Issues Committee. (See committee's web page.)
 - a. The accomplishment may include extraordinary commitment, dedication and service as a volunteer to a not-for-profit organization.
 - b. Previous recipients are not eligible for consideration again.
5. To be nominated, the Committee's Nomination Form must be submitted along with an essay/ statement of "Reason why this nominee should be selected". The nominator submits the essay. Essay/statement is limited to 500 words.
6. The recipient, or a representative for the recipient, must be present to receive the award. Traditionally, the Award is presented at the Committee's Podium Session, which is at the AIHce.