



USP Expert Volunteer Awards and Recognition Program

The United States Pharmacopeial Convention is pleased to announce the inaugural Expert Volunteer Awards and Recognition Program that recognizes the remarkable contributions of USP volunteer bodies whose work “improves the health of people around the world through public standards and related programs that help ensure the quality, safety and benefit of medicines and foods.” For the purpose of these awards, a volunteer body is defined as the USP Council of Experts, an Expert Committee, an Advisory Panel, a Stakeholder Forum, or a Project Team, each of which comprises independent members contributing to a standards–related topic. Candidacy is open to all USP volunteer bodies that are affiliated with USP, operating anywhere in the world.

Nominations for the 2005–2010 Expert Volunteer Awards and Recognition Program were accepted until January 31, 2010. The nominations were reviewed for adherence to criteria by selected members of USP’s Senior Leadership Team. Those that adhered to the criteria were then reviewed by the Awards Selection Committee, comprising five individuals representing the 2005–2010 Board of Trustees (two representatives) and the Council of Experts (three representatives).

USP Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Standards-setting Process

The recipient of this award for 2005–2010 is the:

USP General Chapters Expert Committee

For its development and revision of approximately 90 general chapters in the *United States Pharmacopeia* and the *National Formulary*; for successfully moving to official status a number of high impact general chapters, most notably General Chapter <467> *Residual Solvents*; and for making significant contributions to improving standards for metal impurities, spectroscopy, and chromatography.

The General Chapters Expert Committee has been a role model in terms improving the quality, promoting harmonization, engaging users in the development, and educating users on USP’s general chapters.

This award recognizes the efforts of a USP volunteer body for significant contributions to the achievement of USP standards–setting priorities or improvement of USP’s standards–setting processes. The achievements of the nominees were reviewed based on:

- Working towards a specific standards–setting activity or process improvement;
- Sustained commitment and productivity for on–going standards–setting or improvement activities;
- Demonstrating commitment to the work of the volunteer body by individual members; and
- Demonstrating exemplary leadership, creativity and cooperation in the achievement of activity(s).

The nominees for this award were:

- General Chapter <111> Advisory Panel
- General Chapters Expert Committee
- Heavy Metals Advisory Panel
- Pharmaceutical Waters Expert Committee

USP Award for Innovative Response to Public Health Challenges

The recipient of this award for 2005–2010 is the:

USP Heparin Advisory Panel

For its swift revision of the Heparin Sodium, Heparin Calcium, and Heparin Sodium Injection monographs in response to the Heparin adulteration crisis of 2007-2008; for its associated Stage Two revisions of Heparin and other heparin related monographs in October 2009; and the introduction of five new USP Reference Standards to support these revisions.

This award recognizes the efforts of a USP volunteer body in addressing a special public health need or challenge. The achievements of the nominees were reviewed based on:

- Specifically addressing a public health need identified by USP or a global public health organization;
- Demonstrating a timely response;
- Demonstrating commitment to the work of the volunteer body by individual members; and
- Demonstrating exemplary leadership, creativity and cooperation in the achievement of activity(ies).

The nominees for this award were:

- Heparin Advisory Panel
- Model Guidelines Expert Committee
- Sterile Compounding Expert Committee