



**The Richard J. Bing Young Investigator Award
The Outstanding Investigator Award
The Research Achievement Award
The Peter Harris Distinguished Scientist Award**

The International Society for Heart Research (ISHR) is seeking nominations for four distinguished awards of international importance for recognizing outstanding scientists at various stages of their career, who have made significant contributions to the advancement of cardiovascular science: The Richard J Bing Young Investigator Award, the Outstanding Investigator Award, the Research Achievement Award, and the Peter Harris Distinguished Scientist Award. The **Richard J Bing Award** recognizes young talent, the **Outstanding Investigator Award** and the **Research Achievement Award** are targeted at established scientists in the intermediate and advanced stages of their career, and the **Peter Harris Award** focuses on lifelong accomplishments. The monetary prizes are \$5,000 for the Richard J Bing Award, the Outstanding Investigator Award and the Peter Harris Award, and \$20,000 for the Research Achievement Award. These high-profile recognitions will be presented at the **XXth ISHR World Congress in Kyoto, Japan, May 13-16, 2010**. The winners will be announced in the *Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology* (the official publication of the ISHR), on the ISHR website, and in *Heart News and Views* (the newsletter of the ISHR).

Full details of these awards, including lists of previous recipients, and relevant guidelines are provided on the ISHR web pages at www.ishrworld.org, under "ISHR Awards". The guidelines should be consulted before preparing any nomination or application.

Richard J. Bing Young Investigator Award

- The purpose of this Award is to recognize outstanding research endeavors by new investigators and to encourage continued cardiovascular research careers.
- Candidates must be active members (or have applied for membership) of the ISHR at the time of application.
- Candidates must have received their highest academic degree less than 6 years prior to the opening day of the World Congress.
- Four finalists will present their work at the XXth ISHR World Congress.
- The deadline for receipt of applications is **January 9, 2010**.

Outstanding Investigator Award

- The purpose of this Award is to recognize an outstanding scientist who is making major and independent contributions to the advancement of cardiovascular science, and is leading a growing research program that is likely to play a major role in the future.
- Nominees must be active members (or have applied for membership) of the ISHR at the time of nomination.
- Nominees are expected to be in the intermediate phase of their academic career (at least Assistant/Associate Professor or the equivalent; normally < 50 years old).
- The Award recipient will deliver a plenary lecture at the XXth ISHR World Congress.
- The deadline for receipt of nominations is **October 30, 2009**.

Research Achievement Award
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- The purpose of this Award is to recognize an internationally prominent scientist who has a distinguished track record of innovative scientific contributions that have had a major impact on our understanding and/or treatment of cardiovascular disease and who is likely to continue to make major contributions.
- Nominees must be active members (or have applied for membership) of the ISHR at the time of nomination.
- Nominees are expected to be at an advanced stage of their academic career (full Professor or the equivalent; normally > 50 years old).
- The Award recipient will deliver a plenary lecture at the XXth ISHR World Congress.
- The deadline for receipt of nominations is **October 30, 2009**.

Peter Harris Distinguished Scientist Award

- The purpose of this Award is to recognize a senior investigator with lifetime contributions of major discoveries in cardiovascular science.
- Nominees must be active members (or have applied for membership) of the ISHR at the time of nomination.
- Nominees are normally over 60 years of age, reflecting their sustained contributions over an extended period.
- The Award recipient will deliver a plenary lecture at the XXth ISHR World Congress.
- The deadline for receipt of nominations is **October 30, 2009**.

As detailed in the relevant guidelines on the ISHR web site (see www.ishrworld.org, under "ISHR Awards"), all nomination materials should be provided in electronic format, **as PDF files**, on a single CD. Where required, printed copies of supporting documents with original signatures (e.g. nomination letters) should accompany the submitted CD.

Applications/Nominations should be submitted (by mail/airmail or courier) to:

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