

The Louis Schmidt Award

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| 1948 – Leo C. Massopust, FBPA | 1979 – Donald H. Fritts, RBP, FBPA |
| 1949 – Anne Shiras, FBPA | 1980 – Fritz Goro, RBP, FBPA |
| 1950 – Stella Zimmer, FBPA | 1981 – I. Lloyd Matlovsky, RBP, FBPA |
| 1951 – Ralph P. Creer, FBPA | 1982 – Leslie Bowcock, MD, AIMBI |
| 1952 – Leonard A. Julin, RBP, FBPA | 1983 – H. Paul Newman, RBP, FBPA |
| 1953 – Oscar W. Richards, PhD, FBPA | 1984 – Percy Brooks, RBP, FBPA |
| 1954 – Ferdinand R. Harding, RBP, FBPA | 1985 – Leon J. LeBeau, FBPA |
| 1955 – C. Graham Eddy, FBPA | 1986 – Nile Root, RBP, FBPA |
| 1956 – Mervin W. LaRue, Sr., FBPA | 1987 – Martin L. Scott, FBPA |
| 1957 – Lloyd E. Varden, RBP, FBPA | 1988 – Ralph J. Marshall, PhD |
| 1958 – Albert Levin, RBP, FBPA | 1989 – Thomas P. Hurtgen, FBPA |
| 1959 – Paul H. Holinger, MD, FBPA | 1990 – Raymond E. Lund, RBP, FBPA |
| 1960 – H. Lou Gibson, RBP, FBPA | 1991 – Robert F. Sisson, RBP, FBPA |
| 1961 – Warren Sturgis, RBP, FBPA | 1992 – Nicholas M. Graver, RBP, FBPA |
| 1962 – Stanley J. McComb, RBP, FBPA | 1993 – A. Robin Williams, FBPA |
| 1963 – Marie E. Ikenberg, RBP, FBPA | 1994 – Will E. Renner, RBP, FBPA |
| 1964 – Peter Hansell, MD, RBP, FBPA | 1995 – Dan Patton, RBP, FBPA |
| 1965 – Howard E. Tribe, RBP, FBPA | 1996 – Kenneth V. Michaels, FBPA |
| 1966 – John V. Butterfield, FBPA | 1997 – Ronald F. Irvine, RBP, FBPA |
| 1967 – not awarded | 1998 – Heather Angel, FRPS, FBIPP |
| 1968 – Chester F. Reather, RBP, FBPA | 1999 – Richard M. Williams, FBPA |
| 1969 – Laurence B. Brown, RBP, FBPA | 2000 – Herbert R. Smith, Jr., FBPA |
| 1970 – Verlin Y. Yamamoto, RBP, FBPA | 2001 – William J. Stenstrom, FBPA |
| 1971 – Stephen P. Dittman, RBP, FBPA | 2002 – W. David Tredinnick, FBPA |
| 1972 – Clifford L. Freehe, RBP, FBPA | 2003 – Joseph Ogrodnick, FBPA |
| 1973 – Stanley Klosevych, RBP, FBPA | 2004 – Robert C. Turner, RBP, FBPA |
| 1974 – Roger P. Loveland, FBPA | 2005 – Samuel Giannavola, RBP, FBPA |
| 1975 – E. Lynn Baldwin, RBP, FBPA | 2006 – Gigi Williams, FBPA |
| 1976 – Charles P. Hodge, RBP, FBPA | 2007 – Michael R. Peres, RBP, FBPA |
| 1977 – Lardner A. Coffey, RBP, FBPA | |
| 1978 – John P. Vetter, RBP, FBPA | |

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This Award – the highest given in the BCA – is named for our second President. It is awarded annually for “outstanding contributions to the progress of biological communications.” The selection of the recipient each year is made by a committee composed of the nine most recent winners. This selection is subject to the approval of the Board of Governors.

Mr. Schmidt was in charge of photography at the Rockefeller Institute in New York City and was a founding member of the BPA in 1931. He had an abiding interest in sharing his photographic knowledge with his students and in promoting the highest technical standards in our association.

In 1943, on the occasion of his death, the BPA Journal commented, “In many ways, the BPA is a monument to Louis Schmidt.”

To give special distinction to the Award, those who receive it are known as “Louis Schmidt Laureates.”

The BioCommunications Association, Inc. is grateful to Mrs. Mary Lappan Vetter, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the generous gift of a 100-year-old, gold-headed cane. It was received August 4, 1990, in Phoenix, Arizona. The cane is part of the BCA Louis Schmidt Award and was presented the first time to Robert F. Sisson on August 3, 1991, in Tampa, Florida.

The gold head is composed of heavy inlaid gold on a copper base. The principal value of the cane is due to the goldsmith’s ability to create and fashion a design of elegant beauty. The cane’s original owner was Dr. Goebel who received it in a presentation of unknown designation in 1902. It came into Mrs. Mary Lappan Vetter’s possession upon the death of her uncle, Father Thomas T. Lappan.

Many universities, colleges and hospitals in Great Britain and America have adopted the practice of awarding a gold-headed cane as the highest honor that can be bestowed on one of their staff members. The BioCommunications Association, through the generous gift of Mary Vetter, is pleased to present this special cane as its highest honor.

The 2008 Louis Schmidt Laureate

Norman J. Barker, RBP, FBPA

Norman J. Barker is Associate Professor of Pathology and Art as Applied to Medicine at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He began there as a Senior Medical Photographer. He received a BFA in Photography from Maryland Institute College of Art, an MS from Johns Hopkins University and an MA in Publications Design from the University of Baltimore.

He has had a long and illustrious career as an educator. Beginning in 1984, he directed and taught in the two-year certificate program in Biomedical Photography and instructs in various techniques of scientific and biological imaging at John Hopkins. He trained and certified 45 biomedical photographers, ten of whom have gone on to manage departments. He also directed the college internship program since 1982, providing college students with practical hands-on experience in biomedical photography. Since 1991, he has taught graduate students in photography and digital imaging as well as medical photography.

In 2000, he coauthored *Ancient Microworlds* with Giraud Foster, using techniques of high magnification photography in combining art and science to bring out the beauty and record the morphology of fossils. A traveling exhibition of these photographs toured the U.S. for five years. His photographs are in the permanent collections of 35 science and art museums in the U.S., Australia, Czech Republic, India, and Romania.

Norman has given numerous presentations nationally and internationally. He has made more than 23 contributions to textbooks and publications with special emphasis on techniques of photomicrography and nature photography.

His professional affiliations include BioCommunications Association, where he has served in various capacities at both the chapter and association levels. He is also active in the Society for Photographic Education, American Society of Media Photographers, Association of BioCommunications Directors and National Association of Photoshop Professionals. Norman Barker lives and works in Baltimore, MD.

He has been given numerous honors and awards over his distinguished career. We are proud to add to his achievements and recognize Norman J. Barker as the 2008 Louis Schmidt Laureate.

