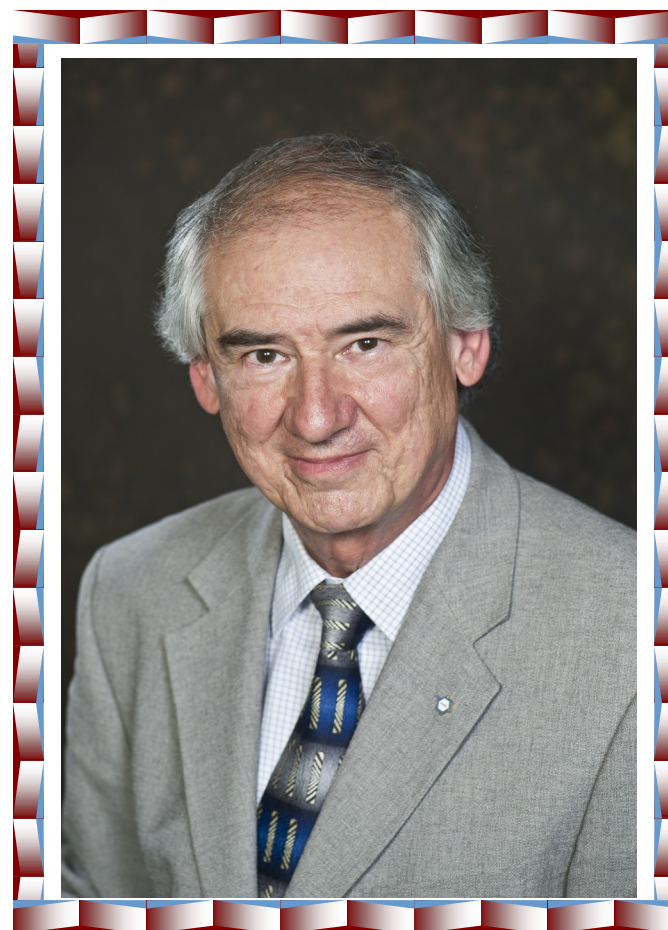


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1948 – Leo C. Massopust, FBPA	1980 – Fritz Goro, RBP, FBPA
1949 – Anne Shiras, FBPA	1981 – I. Lloyd Matlovsky, RBP, FBPA
1950 – Stella Zimmer, FBPA	1982 – Leslie Bowcock, MD, AIMBI
1951 – Ralph P. Creer, FBPA	1983 – H. Paul Newman, RBP, FBPA
1952 – Leonard A. Julin, RBP, FBPA	1984 – Percy Brooks, RBP, FBPA
1953 – Oscar W. Richards, PhD, FBPA	1985 – Leon J. LeBeau, FBPA
1954 – Ferdinand R. Harding, RBP, FBPA	1986 – Nile Root, RBP, FBPA
1955 – C. Graham Eddy, FBPA	1987 – Martin L. Scott, FBPA
1956 – Mervin W. LaRue, Sr., FBPA	1988 – Ralph J. Marshall, PhD
1957 – Lloyd E. Varden, RBP, FBPA	1989 – Thomas P. Hurtgen, FBPA
1958 – Albert Levin, RBP, FBPA	1990 – Raymond E. Lund, RBP, FBPA
1959 – Paul H. Holinger, MD, FBPA	1991 – Robert F. Sisson, RBP, FBPA
1960 – H. Lou Gibson, RBP, FBPA	1992 – Nicholas M. Graver, RBP, FBPA
1961 – Warren Sturgis, RBP, FBPA	1993 – A. Robin Williams, FBPA
1962 – Stanley J. McComb, RBP, FBPA	1994 – Will E. Renner, RBP, FBPA
1963 – Marie E. Ikenberg, RBP, FBPA	1995 – Dan Patton, RBP, FBPA
1964 – Peter Hansell, MD, RBP, FBPA	1996 – Kenneth V. Michaels, FBPA
1965 – Howard E. Tribe, RBP, FBPA	1997 – Ronald F. Irvine, RBP, FBPA
1966 – John V. Butterfield, FBPA	1998 – Heather Angel, FRPS, FBIPP
1967 – not awarded	1999 – Richard M. Williams, FBPA
1968 – Chester F. Reather, RBP, FBPA	2000 – Herbert R. Smith, Jr., FBPA
1969 – Laurence B. Brown, RBP, FBPA	2001 – William J. Stenstrom, FBPA
1970 – Verlin Y. Yamamoto, RBP, FBPA	2002 – W. David Tredinnick, FBPA
1971 – Stephen P. Dittman, RBP, FBPA	2003 – Joseph Ogrodnick, FBPA
1972 – Clifford L. Freehe, RBP, FBPA	2004 – Robert C. Turner, RBP, FBPA
1973 – Stanley Klosevych, RBP, FBPA	2005 – Samuel Giannavola, RBP, FBPA
1974 – Roger P. Loveland, FBPA	2006 – Gigi Williams, FBPA
1975 – E. Lynn Baldwin, RBP, FBPA	2007 – Michael R. Peres, RBP, FBPA
1976 – Charles P. Hodge, RBP, FBPA	2008 – Norman J. Barker, RBP, FBPA
1977 – Lardner A. Coffey, RBP, FBPA	2009 – Steven J. Harrison, FBPA
1978 – John P. Vetter, RBP, FBPA	2010 – Andrew Davidhazy
1979 – Donald H. Fritts, RBP, FBPA	2011 – Gale E. Spring, FBPA

The 2011 Louis Schmidt Laureate



Gale E. Spring, FBPA

The Louis Schmidt Award

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 2011 Louis Schmidt Laureate

Gale Edward Spring, FBPA

Gale Spring received a Bachelor of Arts from Austin College in Sherman, Texas and a Masters of Fine Arts in Graphic Design/Photography from North Texas State University (University of North Texas) in Denton, Texas. He began his professional career in 1976 as Director of Photographic Services, Department of Pathology, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, serving in this position until 1987.

In 1988, Gale accepted an academic appointment to the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University, Melbourne, Australia, as Senior Lecturer. He became Acting Head of the Department of Photography in June 1989. He was Associate Professor of Scientific Photography and Program Leader of Applied Science Photography, RMIT University from 1988-2008. He then was Associate Professor and Program Leader, Applied Multi-Major, School of Applied Science, Engineering and Health at RMIT University. Gale Spring was appointed Associate Dean of School of Applied Science at RMIT University in March 2011.

Among his many association activities and contributions, Gale was a member of the BPA Board of Governors in 1977-78 and General Chair and Program Chair of the BPA annual meeting in Dallas in 1983. On the local level, he served as Texas Chapter Chairman. In 1990, he received the honor of Fellow of the Biological Photographic Association.

His commitment and dedication to biomedical imaging continued in Australia through the Australian Institute of Medical and Biological Illustration (AIMBI) and the Institute of Photographic Technology (IPT). He began his longstanding affiliation and leadership role to promote scientific photography through The Australian Photography Council (later to become Photo Imaging Education Association). Gale remains instrumental in developing conferences to bring together these three organizations. He presented his initiative to promote the scientific aspect of alternative and historic processes in his presentation at the 2009 BCA Annual Meeting.

He has supported his educational commitment by continuously organizing scientific meetings and workshops. He presented numerous scientific papers, wrote articles of distinction for scientific journals and was frequently engaged by legal counsel as an expert in forensic photography.

Gale Spring has made significant contributions to our field on an international scale and has done so with style, grace, and a work ethic that can be admired by all.

We are proud to add to his achievements and recognize Gale Edward Spring as the 2011 Louis Schmidt Laureate.

