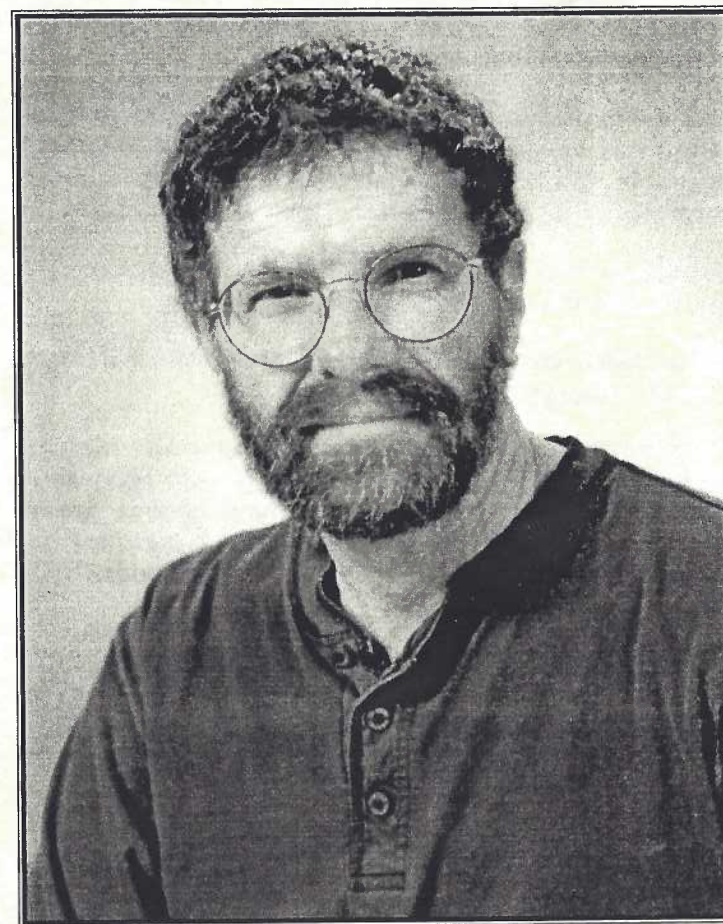


The Louis Schmidt Award Recipients

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

The 2003 Louis Schmidt Laureate



Joseph Ogrodnick, 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 2003 Louis Schmidt Laureate

Joseph Ogradnick, FBPA

Joseph Ogradnick, FBPA, or "Joe" as he much prefers to be called, is probably best known for his journalistic skills in editing the Journal of Biological Photography for eleven years. Following the incorporation of JBP with the Journal of Biocommunication, he continues to serve as the BCA editor in the joint publishing effort of ABCD, AMI, BCA and HeSCA. Joe, a specialist in entomological photography, has also been published in numerous international journals.

An active speaker, Joe has presented over seventy papers throughout his career, including the Kodak Canada Endowed Lecture in Kingston, Canada. He has been principal speaker at several BCA chapter meetings and was the banquet speaker for the Entomology Society of America. His photography was awarded Best of Show at this association's 1983 annual competition, and has also appeared on the television program "Victory Garden."

For twelve years he served on the faculty of the Biological Photographic Association's week-long instructional workshop in biomedical photography held at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He is active in the Western New York Chapter of BCA, where he was chairperson from 1986-88.

Joe received the "Best Paper" award in 1987, was elected a Fellow of BPA in 1993, and received the Ralph Creer Service Award in 2000.

More recently, Joe was among the elite few whose work was selected for inclusion in the Rochester Institute of Technology's "Images from Science" collection. He is currently the supervisor of photographic services at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station of Cornell University in Geneva, New York.