

## 2019 AIFST ALLERGEN BUREAU 'JULIE NEWLANDS' AWARD

### BACKGROUND

The Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology (AIFST) Allergen Bureau 'Julie Newlands' Award recognises excellence in food allergen management in Australia. To be eligible for the award nominees must be current financial AIFST members within all sectors of the Australian food industry and nominees for this award must be a resident in Australia.

In accordance with the Allergen Bureau Mission, the Selection Committee will decide the award recipient based on their contribution to a consistent, science-based approach to food allergen risk assessment, management and communication that: guides/promotes industry best practice; and assists allergen sensitive consumers to make informed choices based on label information.

Julie Newlands was an inaugural Director and the first Honorary Treasurer of the Allergen Bureau Ltd. Julie was a fabulous food allergen advocate and immersed herself in all aspects of allergen science, management and communication. Julie led the development of the *VITAL® Best Practice Labelling Guide for Australia and New Zealand* and the drive for allergen labelling exemptions. Both initiatives have a direct impact on the way we now consider and label allergens. Everything that Julie achieved at the Allergen Bureau is a testament to her drive and passion for the allergic consumer and for food safety. Julie passed away in November 2017.

### INTENTION OF AWARD

The Allergen Bureau 'Julie Newlands' Award aims to promote and raise awareness of best-practice food allergen management in Australia. The award seeks to encourage all Australian food industry sectors to adopt a consistent, science-based approach to food allergen risk assessment, management and communication for the benefit of the allergen sensitive consumer. The award recipient will gain ANZ and international recognition for their excellence in food allergen management.

### CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

- (a) To be eligible for the award nominees must be current financial AIFST members within all sectors of the Australian food industry and nominees for this award must be a resident in Australia.

### NOMINATION PROCESS

- a) AIFST shall call for nominations for the Award via channels deemed appropriate and aligned with the award program, as managed by the AIFST and supported by the Allergen Bureau. The notice shall give the closing date of entries, a brief summary of the award conditions, and an address for return nominations. The notice shall also include date and place of presentation of the Award.
- b) Nominees shall submit by the designated closing date to AIFST their nomination for assessment.
- c) No late submissions shall be accepted, although AIFST reserves the right to extend, or change the closing dates for entries at its discretion.



## JUDGING CRITERIA

In accordance with the Allergen Bureau Mission, the Selection Committee will decide the award recipient based on:

- (a) their contribution to a consistent, science-based approach to food allergen risk assessment, management and communication that;
- (b) guides/promotes industry best practice; and
- (c) assists allergen sensitive consumers to make informed choices based on label information

## JUDGING PROCESS

- a) All nominations will be submitted to AIFST via email before the close date.
- b) After this time, all nominations for the award will then be collated and sent through to the Allergen Bureau Selection Committee for review.
- c) Once a decision has been made, the Selection Committee will inform AIFST who will in turn, notify the successful nomination(s) in line with the award timelines. AIFST shall also notify non-successful nominees at this time.

## AWARD PRIZE

The award winner will receive a complimentary registration to attend the 4th Food Allergen Management Symposium 2020 (FAMS2020) to held in Melbourne, Australia, including a return economy domestic airfare and three nights' accommodation in Melbourne.

## 2019 AWARD TIMELINE

Call for Nominations	Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Close of Nominations	5.00pm on Sunday, 28 April 2019
Judging Panel Review	By Friday 17 May 2019
Successful Nominees Notified	Friday 24 May 2019
Prize Awarded	Monday 1 July 2019

