

AIFST Allergen Bureau “Julie Newlands” Award 2021

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 a resident in Australia.

In accordance with the Allergen Bureau Mission, the Selection Committee will decide the award recipient based on their contribution to leading the Australian food industry in best practice allergen management, sharing information that builds trust and transparency that supports allergen sensitive consumers to make informed choices.

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. 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 AIFST 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

To be eligible for the award nominees 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

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- a) their contribution to leading the Australian food industry in best practice allergen management, that, and
- b) builds trust and transparency that supports allergen sensitive consumers to make informed choices.

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 NZIFST Conference 2022, including a return economy airfare to New Zealand and three nights' accommodation.

AWARD DATES

Date	Action	Responsible
22 March 2021	Call for nominations	AIFST
31 May 2021	Close of nominations	AIFST
1 June – 15 June 2021	Judging of award	Judging panel
22 June 2021	Nominees advised of outcome	AIFST
26 July 2021	Award Ceremony @ AIFST21	AIFST