

Grenvik Family Award for Ethics

Grantor: Society of Critical Care Medicine

Closes: 9/1/2010

Maximum: \$1,000.00

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The award will be given each year to recognize an SCCM member in good standing who has devoted significant efforts toward ethical problems in critical care. The award recognizes an individual who promoted humanistic and ethical values in critical care.

Background

The Christer Memorial Award was initiated by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ake and Inger Grenvik, and established in 1989 by the Foundation for Critical Care. Christer Grenvik, MD died at age 30 of a brain tumor while an anesthesiology resident. SCCM has sponsored the award since 1996.

Goals and Objectives

During his last two years of life, Christer Grenvik became deeply religious and concerned with the critically and terminally ill patient's autonomy when deciding on choice of treatment. He became particularly interested in the ethical problems in these situations and compassionate care of patients in the terminal stage. The goals and objectives therefore are to memorialize Christer Grenvik's great concern for these issues. Recognition of suitable candidates will occur through nomination to the Grenvik Award Subcommittee which selects the most suitable individual and reports the choice to the awards committee.

Eligibility Criteria

The awardee must meet the following eligibility criteria:

• Made significant contributions toward addressing ethical problems in critical care

• Member in good standing of the Society of Critical Care Medicine

• Demonstrated commitment to SCCM through involvement in SCCM committees or other SCCM activities at the local, regional, national or international level.

• Members of the Grenvik Award Subcommittee and the SCCM Council are not eligible for the award during their tenure.

Award Amount

• SCCM will provide complimentary registration for the Annual Congress

• Honorarium of \$1,000.00

• Plaque as recognition of the award to be presented during the Annual Congress awards ceremony

• No funding is provided for travel expenses

Judgement Criteria

A subcommittee of no less than five SCCM members will be established to review candidates for the award and to summarize their contributions to critical care. The subcommittee will include past winners of the award for a three-year term. The subcommittee reports directly to the SCCM Awards Committee.

Candidates are nominated for the award by an SCCM member or members of the Award Subcommittee. The nominators will be required to submit letters of recommendation from two additional SCCM members in good standing. Letters of support should emphasize how the nominee has demonstrated the award criteria as listed above by describing ways her/his life and career have met the criteria of the award. Submission of a current curriculum vitae is also required.

Timetable

September 1 - Deadline for receipt of nomination letters

November 1 - Award winner notified

January - Award winner announced at awards presentation during SCCM's Annual Congress

Funding

The Christer Grenvik Memorial Fund is funded by Dr. and Mrs. Ake and Inger Grenvik

Submission of Nominations

Nominations should be sent to:

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Link: <http://www.sccm.org/Membership/Awards/Pages/GrenvikAward.aspx>

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Audience: Critical Care Nurse, Critical Care Physician, Hospitalist, Intensivist, Physician