

# 2021 ISH AWARDS

## Celebrating the Success of International Society of Hypertension Community

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International Society of Hypertension Awards are how our Society celebrates the significant discoveries in hypertension research and the successes of its members. A wide range of ISH Awards has been developed to reflect a diverse range of activities and broad, inclusive membership of the Society. Detailed information about the Awards is available at the ISH website: <https://ish-world.com/ish-awards-prizes/>. When reading lists of previous awardees, one can look back at the long history of the milestones of hypertension research.

The Franz Volhard Award and Lectureship is one of the oldest and most prestigious awards in hypertension research worldwide. It was first awarded in 1972 to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Franz Volhard. This year we celebrate the groundbreaking achievements of Professor Ernesto Schiffrin for his contributions to the understanding of oxidative and inflammatory mechanisms of hypertension.

ISH Robert Tigerstedt Lifetime Achievement Award was created in 1974 to honour work that changed our understanding of aetiology, epidemiology, pathology, or treatment of high blood pressure. This year's recipient, Jan Staessen has been developing our views on epidemiology, pathogenesis, and treatment of hypertension over the years. Other awards include distinguished fellow awards, the recognition of outstanding contributions to research in the field of hypertension, and contributions to ISH as a Society.

Our awardees, Professor Cheol - Ho Kim, Professor Lars H Lindholm, Professor Franz Messerli, and Professor Gianfranco Parati all serve as role

models for future generations of hypertension researchers.

The ISH Developing World Award emphasises the global outreach of ISH. Research in understanding and improving cardiovascular outcomes in hypertensive patients in the developing world has become imperative now, increasing prevalence and morbidity from hypertension in these regions. This year we celebrate contributions from Professor Basden Onwubere from the University of Nigeria.

The International Society of Hypertension has always been at the forefront of recognising the importance of women in science and understanding the increasing burden of hypertension in women. This is reflected by the ISH Honour for Senior Women Researchers, through which we celebrate contributions of outstanding hypertension scientists Prof. Catherine Llorens-Cortes, and Professor Empar Lurbe. ISH Award of Excellence for Research in Cardiovascular Health and Disease in Women established in 2018 and awarded this year to Professor Louise Pilote while ISH Mid-Career Award for Women Researchers is awarded to Professor Francine Marques. The latter reflects ISH's focus on women in medicine and an outlook to celebrate the achievement of early and mid-career researchers in hypertension, as their work will decide on the future shape of not only our Society but also the field of hypertension.

A number of awards are devoted to celebrating the successes of our early career researchers linked to the biennial Congress of the Society. This year's recipients include Ashleigh Craig receiving Austin Doyle Award, and Stephanie Cicalese for the ISH New Investigator Oral Presentation Award. Finally, the ISH Paul Korner Award supported by the High

Blood Pressure Research Foundation of Australia has been awarded to Professor Frans Leenen to celebrate his contributions to research on the interface of neuroscience and hypertension.

This year, during the ESH/ISH Hypertension Digital Experience on Air conference awards were awarded based on nominations from 2020 and 2021. The postponement of the conference led to the delay in ISH Awards process. The Awards Committee received several exceptional nominations; the scientific and society impact of all nominees was truly outstanding, and so were their contributions to our Society. The Awards Committee faced an arduous task. I want to thank [Awards Committee Members](#) and assessment panels during the Congress for the time and effort

they all devoted to analysing all nominations and in-depth discussions.

I want to use this opportunity to ask all of our members to consider nominating their colleagues for a wide range of ISH Awards. The International Society of Hypertension will award again in Kyoto, 2022. Your nominations ensure that these awards are genuinely reflecting the collegial spirit of our Society. The Committee will be soon advertising the call for Kyoto 2022 awards. The future position of ISH Awards as the most celebrated and distinguished awards in the hypertension community depends on your nominations.

***Prof Tom Guzik; ISH Awards Committee Chair, on behalf of the Committee***

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### **ISH Franz Volhard Award and Lectureship for Outstanding Research**

*Ernesto Schiffrin*

### **ISH Robert Tigerstedt Lifetime Achievement Award**

*Jan A. H. Staessen*

### **ISH Paul Korner Award, supported by the High Blood Pressure Research Foundation of Australia**

Frans Leenen

### **ISH Developing World Award**

*Basden Onwubere*

### **ISH Distinguished Fellow Award**

*Kim Cheol-Ho*

*Lars H. Lindholm*

*Franz Messerli*

*Gianfranco Parati*

### **ISH Awards of Excellence for Research in Cardiovascular Health and Disease in Women**

*Louise Pilote*

### **ISH Honour for Senior Women Researchers**

*Catherine Llorens-Cortes*

*Empar Lurbe*

### **ISH Mid-Career Award for Women Researchers**

*Francine Marques*