

ESHO Merits Award

Since 1999 ESHO presents an award to ESHO members who have served the field of hyperthermia with outstanding merit. To honor these members an ESHO Special Merits Award has been created. The award carries the name of the ESHO and the sponsor of the award

For the very first award ceremony the ESHO board appointed a special award committee to select the awardee. Hereafter all initial committee members were replaced by awardees from previous years and now every year the longest serving committee member is replaced by the latest awardee. The Award Committee is given the strict instruction that it must operate fully independently of the ESHO board and that it should base its choice solely on the contribution of the member to the field of hyperthermia in oncology. That contribution might be fully visible to the field, for instance in case of clinical trials, or technological or biological developments, or could concern achieving important strategic benefits for clinical hyperthermia, for instance in securing reimbursement. Nationality or continent of the winner is irrelevant.

Yearly, the winner of the award is officially announced during the annual ESHO conference by presenting a certificate to the awardee and a commemorative plaque. In a special Award session the chair of the jury (generally the awardee of the previous year) presents a laudation for the awardee, after which the awardee presents an overview of his/her contributions to the hyperthermia field. The award carries the name of ESHO plus the name of the company sponsoring the award. Originally the award was named the ESHO-BSD Award, but this changed in 2016 to ESHO-PYREXAR Award.

Prior to 1999 the ESHO-PYREXAR Award -or before that the Lund Science Award- was given to the first author of the most impressive paper submitted to the International Journal of Hyperthermia.

At present the most relevant factor for being selected is that the Awardee has made a significant contribution towards the wider acceptance and use of clinical application of hyperthermia from either a scientific or societal point of view.

From 1999 to present the Award has been given to:

Year	Recipient	Discipline	Nationality	Award Committee President	Member of Award Committee
1999	J. van der Zee 	MD			Marchal, Vaupel, Kampinga, Lagendijk, Dahl
2000	P. Wust 	MD		J. van der Zee	Vd Zee, Marchal, Vaupel, Kampinga, Lagendijk, Dahl

2001	D. Gonzalez-Gonzalez 	MD		P. Wust	Wust, Vd Zee, Marchal, Vaupel, Kampinga, Lagendijk, Dahl
2002	R.D. Issels 	MD		P. Wust	Wust, Vd Zee, Marchal, Vaupel, Kampinga, Lagendijk, Dahl
2003	J.J.W. Lagendijk 	Phys		R.D. Issels	Issels, Wust, Vd Zee, Marchal, Vaupel, Kampinga, Lagendijk
2004	P. Vaupel 	Biol		J.J.W. Lagendijk	Lagendijk, Issels, Wust, Vd Zee, Marchal, Vaupel, Kampinga
2005	S. Maluta 	MD		P. Vaupel	Vaupel, Lagendijk, Issels, Wust, Vd Zee, Marchal, Kampinga

2006	R. Felix 	MD		S. Maluta	Maluta, Vaupel, Lagendijk, Issels, Wust, Vd Zee, Kampinga
2007	O. Dahl 	MD		S. Maluta	Maluta, Vaupel, Lagendijk, Issels, Wust, Vd Zee, Kampinga
2008	G.C. van Rhoon 	Phys		O. Dahl	Dahl, Maluta, Vaupel, Lagendijk, Issels, Wust, Vd Zee
2009	M.W. Dewhirst 	Biol		G.C. van Rhoon	V Rhoon, Dahl, Maluta, Vaupel, Lagendijk, Issels, Wust
2010	A.M.M. Eggermont 	MD		MW Dewhirst	Dewhirst, v Rhoon, Dahl, Maluta, Vaupel, Lagendijk, Issels

2011	M.R. Horsman 	Biol		A.M.M. Eggermont	Eggermont, Dewhirst, v Rhoon, Dahl, Maluta, Vaupel, Lagendijk
2012	G. Ter Haar 	Phys		M.R. Horsman	Horsman, Dewhirst, v Rhoon, Dahl, Maluta, Vaupel, Lagendijk
2013	R. Wessalowski 	MD		G. Ter Haar	Ter Haar, Horsman, Dewhirst, v Rhoon, Dahl, Maluta, Vaupel.
2014	D.B. Leeper 	Biol		R. Wessalowski	Wessalowski, Ter Haar, Horsman, Dewhirst, v Rhoon, Dahl, Maluta
2015	J. Vrba 	Phys		D. Leeper	Leeper, Wessalowski, Ter Haar, Horsman, Dewhirst, v Rhoon, Dahl

2016	S. Bodis 	MD		J. Vrba	Vrba, Leeper, Wessalowski, Ter Haar, Horsman, Dewhirst, v Rhoon
2017	T.L.M. ten Hagen 	Biol		S. Bodis	Bodis, Vrba, Leeper, Wessalowski, Ter Haar, Horsman, Dewhirst
2018	J. Crezee 	Phys		T.L.M. ten Hagen	ten Hagen, Bodis, Vrba, Leeper, Wessalowski, Ter Haar, Horsman
2019	L. Lindner 	MD		J. Crezee	Crezee, ten Hagen, Bodis, Vrba, Leeper, Wessalowski, Ter Haar
2020	N.R. Datta 	MD		Special ESHO-Pyrexar award Initiative of R. Wessalowski and G.C. van Rhoon	

2021	H. Gröll 	Biol		L. Lindner	Lindner, Crezee, ten Hagen, Bodis, Vrba, Leeper, Wessalowski
2022	C. Diederich 	Phys		H. Gröll	Gröll, Lindner, Crezee, ten Hagen, Bodis, Vrba, Leeper
2023	R. Fietkau 	MD		C. Diederich	Diederich, Gröll, Lindner, Crezee, ten Hagen, Bodis, Vrba
2024	U. Gaipf 	Biol		R. Fietkau	Fietkau, Diederich, Gröll, Lindner, Crezee, ten Hagen, Bodis
2026	H.P. Kok 	Phys		U. Gaipf	Gaipf, Fietkau, Diederich, Gröll, Lindner, Crezee, ten Hagen
2026	G. Sennewald 	n.a.		Special ESHO lifetime achievement award Initiative of J. Crezee and U. Gaipf	

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