



Paris Distinguished Service Award

Purpose

- To acknowledge and honor a most outstanding Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy member whose contributions to the Academy are of exceptional and enduring value.
- To provide an opportunity for the recipient to share his or her achievements and ideas with the membership through a lecture presented at an APTA Combined Sections Meeting.

Eligibility

- The nominee must be a member of the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, APTA, Inc., who has made a distinguished contribution to the Academy.
- Members of the Executive Committee and members of the Awards Committee shall not be eligible for the award during their term of office.

Criteria for Selection

- The Nominee shall have made substantial contributions to the Academy in one or more of the following areas:
 - Demonstrated prominent leadership in advancing the interests and objectives of the Academy.
 - Obtained professional recognition and respect for the Section's achievements.
 - Advanced public awareness of orthopaedic physical therapy.
 - Served as an accomplished role model, and provided incentive for other members to reach their highest potential.
 - Utilized notable talents in writing, teaching, research, administration, and/or clinical practice to assist the Academy and its membership in achieving their goals.
- The nominee shall possess the ability to present a keynote lecture, as evidenced by:
 - Acknowledged skills in the organization and presentation of written and oral communications of substantial length.
 - Background and knowledge sufficient.

Procedure for Nomination

- Any member of the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy may nominate candidates for the Award.
- The complete packet, containing all materials listed in the above **Criteria for Selection** must be sent electronically and received by the Academy office: tfred@orthopt.org by **November 1** for consideration for the award in the following year.
- The materials submitted for each nomination shall include the following:
 - One (1) support statement from the nominator, indicating reasons for the nomination, and clarifying the relationship between the nominator and nominee.
 - Support statements from two (2) professional colleagues who are also AOPT members.

In addition to the above-mentioned letters of support, please include:

 - The nominee's curriculum vitae.
- The nomination materials should document examples of how the nominee fulfills the criteria for this award.

Procedure for Review and Selection

- Nomination materials shall be submitted to the Academy office. The Academy office will retain the original set of materials and will provide the Awards Committee with copies for review.
- The Awards Committee will review the nominations and recommend the most qualified candidate to the Executive Committee.
- The Executive committee will select the recipient.
- Any member of the Awards or Executive Committees, who is closely associated with the nominee, will abstain from participating in the review and selection process.
- The award will be presented only if there are qualified candidates, and one is selected.
- Nomination materials are considered the property of the Awards Committee, who will maintain their confidentiality.
- Nomination materials will not be returned. If any individual is not selected for the award in a given year, that individual may be nominated in subsequent years. The Academy office will retain nomination materials for two years.

Lecture

- The recipient will present their lecture at a Academy "Awards Session" at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting. The lecture should not last longer than thirty minutes.
- The title of the lecture will be left to the discretion of the recipient.
- The lecture should focus on the recipient's ideas and contributions to the Academy and orthopaedic physical therapy.
- The recipient will be invited to submit a written copy of the lecture for publication in the Academy's official publication, OPTP.

Notification of the Award

- The President of the Academy will notify the recipient by December 1st and obtain written confirmation of acceptance by December 15th.
- The name of the recipient will be kept confidential until announced at the APTA CSM.
- The award will be presented at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting following presentation of the lecture.
- Those nominees not selected will be so informed in writing.
- The nominators or individuals not selected will receive a letter thanking them for their participation and informing them of the award recipient.

The Award and its Presentation

- The Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy will reimburse the recipient for round trip coach airfare from any site in the US. or Canada to the Combined Sections Meeting at which the lecture is presented, two days per diem consistent with the Section's current reimbursement rates and one day's conference registration.
- On the occasion of the presentation of the lecture, the awardee will receive an appropriate plaque and an honorarium of \$500.
- The recipient's name and date of award will also be inscribed on a Distinguished Service Lecture Award plaque that is retained and displayed in the Section's headquarters.