



**This file is an archive containing the rules of the APAO Achievement Award Program applicable before July 20, 2024, which have been superseded.*

For the current regulations governing the program, please refer to <https://apaophth.org/achievement-award-program/>.

Achievement Award Program

Introduction

Delegates attending the APAO Annual Congress are entitled to participate in the APAO Achievement Award Program. This program was set up in 2008 to recognize individuals for their time and contribution to the scientific programs of the APAO Annual Congress.

The program is based on a cumulative point system, and there are 3 award categories:

1. Achievement Award (10 points)
2. Senior Achievement Award (30 points)
3. Life Achievement Honor Award (60 points)

The Point System

Contributions to the APAO Annual Congress are categorized as follows:

1. Serving as a Chair/Coordinator of an invited program#
2. Presentation at invited symposiums
3. Presentation in an instruction course^
4. Presentation on a Subspecialty Day
5. Production of films or videos*
6. Scientific paper presentation*^
7. Scientific poster/e-poster presentation*

The contributions of session Chairs and Coordinators in invited programs have been recognized under the Achievement Award Program since the APAO 2015 Congress.

* Both authors and co-authors are awarded points in these categories.

^ Penalty points are deducted for no-shows of free paper first authors and instruction course chief instructors.

One point is awarded per category per year, regardless of the number of presentations made in the same category. An individual can earn a *maximum of four points per congress*.

Example:

An individual presenting two invited talks, one instruction course, one video, one scientific paper, and one scientific poster during an APAO Annual Congress will receive a total of four points: one point for the invited talks, one point for the instruction course, one point for the video, and one point for the scientific paper. They will not receive any extra points for presenting any additional poster or the second invited talk.

Achievement Award Nomination Process

Individuals who have accumulated the required points are automatically nominated for the appropriate awards. Their names will be presented to the APAO Award Standing Committee for endorsement. Recipients are notified before the APAO annual congress.

Recognition

Each award recipient's photo will be published in the Congress Program Book. Starting from the 29th APAO Congress, each awardee of the year is recognized on a social occasion. All awardees, past and present, will receive an Achievement Award ribbon.