ROBERT W. KIRK
AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Purpose:
The Robert W. Kirk Award for Professional Excellence provides an avenue for recognition of outstanding achievements and dedicated service to the veterinary profession by ACVIM Diplomates. A single award is given annually during the ACVIM Forum.

Eligibility:
1. Active and inactive Diplomates of ACVIM are eligible.
2. Except for rare and exceptional circumstances, a period of at least fifteen years must elapse after receipt of the veterinary degree before an individual becomes eligible.
3. Once nominated, individuals will remain in consideration for the award for three years.
4. Individuals are not eligible while they are serving as members of the Board of Regents, as elected officers of any specialty, or as members of the selection committee for this award. Individuals who are ineligible for the award in 2019 are listed on the next page.

Selection Criteria:
1. Having an outstanding career in veterinary medicine with national and international recognition for one’s contributions. Selection is based on the life career of the nominee rather than on a single activity or incident.
2. Production of major published works and/or development of significant diagnostic, therapeutic or control techniques and/or procedures.
3. Sustained (15 or more years) service as a veterinarian in such activities as clinical medical practice, instruction, research and/or public service.
4. Demonstrated mentorship to interns, residents, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, junior faculty or beginning specialists
5. Contributions to veterinary organizations and the ACVIM.

Selection committee is comprised of the immediate past chair and prior past chair of the Board of Regents and the three most recent recipients of the Robert W. Kirk Award.

Nomination Procedure:
Nomination is made by completing an online nomination application, including the nominee’s Curriculum Vitae, a nomination letter and record of service to the ACVIM with at least three supporting letters from colleagues.

Nomination applications are due to the ACVIM by December 16, 2019. If you have questions, please call the ACVIM office (800-245-9081 USA and Canada or 303-231-9933) or email Marian@acvim.org.
Past Recipients
Robert W. Kirk Award for Professional Excellence

2019  Dr. Bradford Smith (LAIM)
2018  Dr. Mark Peterson (SAIM)
2017  Dr. Carolyn Henry (Oncology)
2016  Dr. Sharon Center (SAIM)
2015  Dr. Thomas Divers (LAIM)
2014  Dr. Michael Lappin (SAIM)
2013  Dr. Virginia Reef (LAIM)
2012  Dr. Richard W. Nelson (SAIM)
2011  Dr. Dennis P. O’Brien (Neurology)
2010  Dr. George E. Lees (SAIM)
2009  Dr. Susan White (LAIM)
2008  Dr. Joe Kornegay (Neurology)
2007  Dr. T. Douglas Byars (LAIM)
2006  Dr. Alfred Legendre (Oncology)
2005  Dr. Edward B. Breitschwerdt (SAIM)
2004  Dr. Gary P. Carlson (LAIM)
2003  Dr. John D. Bonagura (Cardiology, SAIM)
2002  Dr. Cheryl Chrisman (Neurology)
2001  Dr. Del Finco (IM-SA)
2000  Dr. Alexander deLahunta (Neurology)
1999  Dr. Bud Tenant (IM-LA)
1998  Dr. Terrell Holliday (IM–SA, Neurology)
1997  Dr. Erwin Small  (IM–SA)
1996  Dr. Carl A. Osborne (IM-SA)
1995  Dr. Robert L. Hamlin (IM–SA, Cardiology)
1994  Dr. John E. Oliver (IM–SA, Neurology)
1993  Dr. Stephen J. Ettinger (IM–SA, Cardiology)
1992  Dr. Donald G. Low (IM–SA)
1990  Dr. William J. Kay (Neurology)
1988  Dr. Robert W. Kirk (IM–SA)
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Individuals Ineligible for the 2020 Award

The following individuals are not eligible while they are serving as members of the Board of Regents, as elected officers of any specialty or as members of the selection committee for this award.

2020 Kirk Award Selection Committee
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Mark Peterson 2018 Robert W. Kirk Award Recipient
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