

Call for nominations open October 1 through December 31 for the **AAALAC International James R. Swearengen Award**



Named in honor of the late **James R. Swearengen**, the AAALAC International James R. Swearengen Award recognizes outstanding individuals who have, through their exceptional service and significant contributions to the AAALAC International Council on Accreditation, demonstrated a strong and abiding commitment to advancing science through promotion of the highest standards of animal care in science and research by creating an environment of respectful focus on continuous improvement. Dr. Swearengen was instrumental in the promotion of the international expansion of the mission of AAALAC International. A confident, quiet-mannered friend to all, quick with a smile and warmly engaging to everyone, he was one of AAALAC's greatest ambassadors. A beloved mentor, he patiently listened to all perspectives, while remaining firm in his convictions. Dr. Swearengen was steadfast in his dedication to promoting animal welfare and the impact of the mission of AAALAC International.

NOMINATIONS

1. A call for nominations will be initiated by the AAALAC International Executive Office annually (October-December) to the AAALAC International Council on Accreditation, Council Emeriti, and Former Council Members. However, the award need not be given each year. No more than two (2) individuals will be selected in a given year.
2. All nomination materials must be received by December 31 for awards presented at the Annual Meeting of the AAALAC International Member Organization Delegates, typically held in May.

Nomination documents must include:

- a. A completed copy of the nomination form (Attachment 1).
 - b. Supporting documentation that indicates the nominee's achievements.
 - A brief statement describing the nominee's major contributions to AAALAC Council on Accreditation and their impact on the organization (no more than 250 words).*
 - Indicate if the nominee has international experience and briefly describe that experience.
 - c. Up to three (3) letters of support, including the sponsor/nominator's letter.
 - * Nominations may include individuals who are not currently active in AAALAC, but in their career with AAALAC have met the aforementioned criteria.
3. The nomination documents will be forwarded to the James R. Swearengen Award Nominating Committee within two weeks of the December 31 deadline.
 4. The Nominating Committee will consist of the most recent recipient(s) of the James R. Swearengen Award, the Council on Accreditation Vice President, and two AAALAC Office staff members. This Committee will evaluate the nominations and make a decision before February 1, 2026.
 5. The decision will be presented to the Council Officers for their information.
 6. The recipient is recognized with a crystal at the May meeting.



AAALAC International James R. Swarengen Award Nomination Form

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NOMINATOR:

Full Name (degree/certification, if any):

Title:

Company/Affiliation:

Address:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

CANDIDATE/NOMINEE:

Full Name (degree/certification, if any):

Title:

Company/Affiliation:

Address:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Send nomination documents to:

AAALAC International
c/o Swarengen Award Committee

5205 Chairman's Court, Suite 300, Frederick, MD 21703
or email accredit@aaalac.org

All materials must be received by December 31, 2025 for awards to be presented at the 2026 Annual Meeting of AAALAC International.

Past recipients include....

2025: Patricia Foley, D.V.M. and Linda Fulton, D.V.M.

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