

Call for nominations now open through March 31 for the **AAALAC International Bennett J. Cohen Award**



Named in honor of the late Bennett J. Cohen, the **AAALAC International Bennett J. Cohen Award** recognizes outstanding individuals who have, **through their exceptional service and significant contributions to AAALAC International**, demonstrated a strong and abiding commitment to advancing animal welfare and science through promotion of the highest standards of animal care in research, testing, and education. Dr. Cohen was a visionary in the field of laboratory animal science. He was instrumental in the founding of several well-known laboratory animal science organizations including AAALAC, AALAS, and ACLAM, and he was an ardent friend of the animal research and life science community. Dr. Cohen was a steadfast supporter of AAALAC International and the accreditation process and served as the first Chairman of AAALAC's Council on Accreditation.

NOMINATIONS

1. A **call for nominations** will be initiated by the AAALAC International Executive Office annually (January–March) to the AAALAC International Member Organization Delegates, Council on Accreditation and Council Emeriti. However, the award need not be given each year.
2. All nomination materials **must be received by March 31** for awards presented at the September Annual Meeting of the AAALAC International Member Organization Delegates. Nomination documents must include the following:
 - a. **A completed copy of the nomination form** (available here: aaalac.org/awards/cohen-award-winners/).
 - b. **Supporting documentation** that indicates the nominee's achievements.
 - A brief statement describing the nominee's major contributions to AAALAC and his/her impact on the organization (no more than 250 words).
 - Indicate if the nominee has international experience and briefly describe that experience.
 - A copy of the nominee's CV.
 - c. **Up to three (3) letters of support**, including the sponsor/nominator's letter.
3. The nomination documents will be forwarded to the Bennett J. Cohen Award Nominating Committee within two weeks of the March 31 deadline.
4. The Nominating Committee will consist of the three most recent recipients of the Bennett J. Cohen Award willing to participate. This Committee will evaluate the nominations and make a formal recommendation to the Board of Directors by May 1. If the Nominating Committee's recommendation is not unanimous or members unanimously agree that two or more nominations are equally meritorious, the information will be provided to the Board of Directors for a final determination.
5. The Board of Directors will review the Nominating Committee's recommendation and supporting documentation and make the final decision whether or not to bestow the AAALAC International Bennett J. Cohen Award upon the recommended individual.
6. If the decision is to make an award, the Board of Directors will direct the Executive Office to order a suitable award and to send a notification letter to the nominator and recipient.

