



Tanner Award – Call for Nominations-See Past Lecturers



Fred W. Tanner
1945–1946

Who is Fred W. Tanner?

Fred Wilbur Tanner (1888-1957) was an American food scientist and microbiologist who served in the founding of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT). He was also the founder and one of the first editors for the scientific journal Food Research, now called the Journal of Food Science.

Dr. Tanner joined the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1923, where he was the first chair of Bacteriology (now Department of Microbiology) until 1948. His work focused on food safety issues, specifically pasteurization and meat curing. He was the author of more than 150 publications in microbiology and public health. Dr. Tanner remained as professor until his retirement in 1956. His research in food science and technology would also lead to the establishment of the food technology department at the University of Illinois in 1948.

Dr. Tanner served as IFT President in 1945-46. He won the Stephen M. Babcock Award (now called Babcock-Hart Award) in 1952 for his outstanding contribution to food technology resulting in improved public health. Dr. Tanner was posthumously awarded the Pasteur Award in 1959. The Chicago Section IFT would establish the Fred W. Tanner Lectureship in 1960, which is a lecture given every May by leaders in the food industry.

The By-Laws of the Chicago Section IFT state:

"The Fred W. Tanner Lectureship Committee will advance the profession and practice of food science by bringing to the SECTION outstanding scientific persons not normally available to the SECTION in this field or its related sciences, to speak on recent advances in the formulation, processing, preservation, packaging, distribution, preparation, nutritional quality, and enjoyment of food. A plaque shall be prepared and presented to the lecturer, with an honorarium of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more and a printed program shall be given to guests at the meeting."

Tanner Award – Call for Nominations

Nominees for the Tanner Lectureship are sought. The Tanner Lecturer should be an outstanding and well-recognized researcher and excellent speaker. The nominee may be from industry, government, or university, having developed unique technology in the area of food science or related disciplines which has significantly impacted the food industry.

The Lecturer may be from any country, but preferably not from within our Chicago IFT Section. The award consists of an honorarium of \$2,000, a plaque and reimbursement of travel expenses. The Tanner lecture will be presented in May 2011.

Nominations may be made by any Chicago Section member, and should consist of a curriculum vitae and an accompanying letter setting forth the reasons for the nomination.



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Completed nominations are due no later than December 1st, 2010, and should be sent to the Tanner Committee Chair:

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Past Tanner Lecturers

- 1963 **B.S. Platt**, Ph.D., M.B., Ch.B., Director of the Human Nutrition Research unit of the Medical Research Council, Mill Hill, London.
- 1964 **John M. Kuprianoff**, Sc.D., Director, Federal Institute for Food Preservation, Karlsruhe, Germany.
- 1965 **Lloyd M. Beidler**, Ph.D., Professor of Biophysics, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.
- 1966 **S.M. Partridge**, Ph.D., Head, Department of Protein Chemistry, Meat Research Institute, Cambridge, UK
- 1967 **Fredrick J. Stare**, M.D., Ph.D., Chairman, Department of Nutrition, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA.
- 1968 **Fred S. Thatcher**, Ph.D., Chief, Division of Microbiology Research Laboratories, Food & Drug Directorate, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
- 1969 **Emil M. Mrak**, Ph.D., Chancellor, University of California, Davis, CA.
- 1970 **Morley R. Kare**, Ph.D., Professor of Physiology and Director, Monell Chemical Senses Center, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- 1971 **James R. Vickery**, Ph.D., Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Division of Food Preservation, Australia (Retired).
- 1972 **E.M. Foster**, Ph.D., Director, Professor of Bacteriology, Food Research Institute, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.
- 1973 **Calvin A. Lang**, Sc.D., Professor of Biochemistry and Director, Biological Aging Program, University of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville, KY.
- 1974 **Rose Marie Pangborn**, M.S., Professor of Food Science and Technology, University of California, Davis, CA.
- 1975 **Jean Mayer**, Ph.D., Sc.D., Professor of Nutrition, Department of Nutrition, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA.
- 1976 **Steven R. Tannebaum**, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.
- 1977 **Alexander M. Schmidt**, M.D., Vice Chancellor for Health Services, University of Illinois Medical Center, Chicago, IL.
- 1978 **Aaron M. Altschul**, Ph.D. Professor and Head, Department of Community Medicine and Internal Health, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
- 1979 **Thomas H. Jukes**, Ph.D., Professor, Medical Physics, University of California, Berkeley, CA.
- 1980 **Sylvan H. Wittwer**, Ph.D., Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 1981 **L.J. Filer, Jr.**, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Pediatrics, College of Medicine, Iowa City, IA.



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- 1982 **Walter Mertz**, M.D. Director of Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, MD.
- 1983 **David Kritchevsky**, Ph.D., Associate Director, , Philadelphia, PA.
- 1984 **David A. McCarron**, M.D., Director, Hypertension Program, The Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, OR.
- 1985 **Fergus M. Clydesdale**, Ph.D., Professor of Food Science and Nutrition, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.
- 1986 **Michael P. Doyle**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Food Research Institute, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.
- 1987 **Richard L. Hall**, Ph.D., Vice President of Science and Technology, McCormick & Co., Inc. Hunt Valley, MD.
- 1988 **Douglas L. Archer**, Ph.D., Director, Division of Microbiology, U.S. Food & Drug Administration, Washington D.C.
- 1989 **Gilbert Leveille**, Ph.D., Vice President, Research and Technology, Nabisco Brands, Inc., East Hanover, NJ.
- 1990 **Alina S. Szczesniak**, Sc.D., former Principle Scientist, General Foods Corporation.
- 1991 **John E. Kinsella**, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, University of California, Davis, CA.
- 1992 **Marcus Karel**, Ph.D., Professor of Food Science, Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey.
- 1993 **Susan Schiffman**, Ph.D., Professor of Medical Psychology, Duke University, Durham, NC.
- 1994 **Roy L. Whistler**, Ph.D., D.Sc. Hillenbrand Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry Emeritus, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.
- 1995 **Owen Fennema**, Ph.D., Professor of Food Chemistry, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.
- 1996 **Robert T. Fraley**, Ph.D., President, Ceregen Unit of the Monsanto Company.
- 1997 **Alan W. Holmes**, Ph.D., O.B.E. former Director of British Food Manufacturing Industries Research Association at Leatherhead.
- 1998 **Arthur J. Morgan, Jr.**, Ph.D., U.S. Agricultural Research Service, Eastern Regional Research Center.
- 1999 **Philip Nelson**, Ph.D., Director of Food Science, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.
- 2000 **Gary K. Beauchamp**, Ph.D., Director, Monell Chemical Senses Center, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2001 **Milos Kalab**, Ph.D., Ph.D., Southern Crop Protection and Food Research Centre, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.
- 2002 **Samuel Palumbo**, Ph.D., Research Microbiologist, USDA, Eastern Regional Research Center, MD and PA.
- 2003 **Terry E. Acree**, Ph.D., Professor of Biochemistry, Cornell University, Geneva, NY.
- 2004 **Louise Slade**, Ph.D., and **Harry Levine**, Ph.D., Kraft Foods Fellows, Kraft Foods, East Hanover, NJ.
- 2005 **Donald B. Thompson**, Ph.D., Professor of Food Science, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- 2006 **Beverley J. Kroll**, CEO, Peryam & Kroll Research Corporation, Chicago, IL.
- 2007 **Theodore P. Labuza**, Ph.D., Professor of Food Science and Engineering, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN.
- 2008 **Todd R. Klaenhammer**, Ph.D., Professor of Food Science, Microbiology and Genetics, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.
- 2009 **Larry R. Beuchat**, Ph.D., Professor, Center for Food Safety, University of Georgia, Griffin, GA.
- 2010 **Steven J. Schwartz**, Ph.D., Professor of Food Science & Technology, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH