



**THE LILLIAN JEAN KAPLAN
INTERNATIONAL PRIZE
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT IN
THE UNDERSTANDING
OF POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE**



The International Society of Nephrology (ISN)

ANNOUNCES A

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

History and Purpose

On October 23, 2002, The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the PKD Foundation (PKDF) jointly announced the creation of the Lillian Jean Kaplan International Prize for Advancement in the Understanding of Polycystic Kidney Disease [PKD]. This prize will be awarded to a medical professional or researcher exhibiting excellence and leadership in PKD research every two years at the ISN World Congress of Nephrology. The \$50,000 USD cash prize is one of the most significant awards in the medical research field. The Lillian Jean Kaplan International Prize has been established through the generosity of Mr. Thomas Kaplan, New York, USA, in honor of his late mother Lillian Jean Kaplan who died of the disease in early 2002. The purpose of the award is to stimulate interest in advancing PKD research leading to new treatments and a cure.

Description of the Award

An award of \$50,000 USD payable in American funds to an individual winner will be made at the biennial congress of the ISN. A joint award for the same discovery or contribution may be given, usually to no more than two individuals. Awards are presented in person at the biennial ISN World Congress of Nephrology to each winner. In addition to the \$50,000 USD Prize, a citation depicting the winner's work and a sculpture will be presented.

Nomination Requirements: Open to residents of any country without restriction. Complete nominations should be sent to:

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DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS is September 13th, 2004

A complete nomination must include the following information:

1. The full name and complete contact information for the nominee(s).
2. A formal letter of nomination, which contains:
 - (a) A statement whether the award should be made to an individual or whether it should/could be shared with other scientists who may or may not be included in the nomination;
 - (b) A summary of the contributions of the nominee(s)
 - (c) A description of how and why the work of the nominee(s) represents a major advance in basic or clinical understanding of Polycystic Kidney Disease distinguishing those aspects of the work of the nominee(s) which clearly sets it apart from the work of others in the field.
3. A full curriculum vitae and bibliography for the nominee(s).
4. At least two letters of support for the nomination.
5. The full name and complete contact information for the nominator(s).

Nomination Process: The Lillian Jean Kaplan Prize Selection Committee is chaired by Dr. Nathan W. Levin and comprises two representatives appointed by the President of the International Society of Nephrology and two representatives selected by the PKDF.

For more information on the Lillian Jean Kaplan Prize consult the Websites:

International Society of Nephrology (ISN) <http://www.isn-online.org>
Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation (PKDF) <http://www.pkdcure.org>