



## Leica Microsystems

# Standardization in Immunohistochemistry

This award will be presented annually to a qualified immunohistochemistry laboratory that has contributed and participated in the standardization of their immunohistochemistry Laboratory to include but not limited to: procurement of the specimen, fixation, microtomy, antigen retrieval, staining - automated or manual with appropriate use of controls for immunohistochemistry. It is imperative that laboratory procedures become standardized to achieve highly reproducible results with increased efficiencies to meet changing clinical demands.

**Award amount:** a plaque and \$1,000.00 sponsored by **Leica Microsystems, Canada** Funds must be used within the two year period from the time it is awarded.

This award will support the laboratory's educational initiative through the funding of educational seminars, purchase of educational materials intended to increase and enhance the knowledge of the laboratory staff. Funds may also be used by the laboratory to offset costs of a staff member attending an NSH symposium convention conference or any Region IX recognized education symposium or teleconferences or NSH membership purchases.

*Successful Laboratory recipient may qualify for this award only once every two years for a maximum of two (2) awards.*

### **Award criteria:**

Laboratory applying for this award must have a minimum of two staff that are current NSH members in good standing. NSH membership must have been a minimum of at least one year prior to nomination or application.

The nominating party will be required to submit to the awards committee:

- A letter of nomination stating why their laboratory is deserving of this award ~ stating the process of their standardization and providing documentation on the following:
  - The implementation of a quality management program - to include Quality Control and Quality Assurance program.
  - Ongoing education of Immuno technical staff
  - Participation in internal and external consultation practices
  - Fixation or post fixation processing
- Reference letter from two (2) Pathologists supporting the laboratory's standardization procedure
- Published or unpublished documentation and/or presentation of their laboratory's standardization process.

**Application deadline:** June 15, 2010

The recipient will be chosen by the Region IX awards committee based on the documentations submitted. Your laboratory's success story may be published in the Region IX newsletter "**The Cutting Edge**" Newsletter ~ with copyright approval.