



Appalachian Regional Microscopy Society

A local affiliate society of the Microscopy Society of America and the Microbeam Analysis Society.

WILLMARTH RESEARCH AWARD ----- INFORMATION for APPLICANTS

The Willmarth Research Award (WRA) provides a means of recognition for members of the *Appalachian Regional Microscopy Society, AReMS*, who have demonstrated expertise in the use of microscopy as a significant tool in a research topic or project, and/or problem-solving situation. The award is provided to *AReMS* by and named after the late, Mr. Ted Willmarth, a well-known microscopist and a distinguished member of this society.

- 1) The Willmarth Research Award is open to all who are *AReMS* members in good standing during both (A) the year of consideration and (B) the immediate preceding year, with the exception of the currently serving Members-At-Large (MAL) of the Executive Committee who will select the WRA recipient.
- 2) Any research pursuit, significant project, or unique technical problem-solving exercise utilizing microscopy as a principle element of the work is an acceptable topic. The microscopy work therein must have been performed within the time frame of Section 1A and /or 1B (above). If there is more than one person involved in the work presented, the bulk of the microscopy work must have been performed by the applicant.
- 3) A poster presentation that describes the microscopy work must be given during the technical session at the Fall *AReMS* meeting in the calendar year of consideration. This poster may have been presented previously at any other technical or society meeting. Time consideration for the poster session should be no less than 15 and no more than 30 minutes total.
- 4) Application for the award is made by (A) contacting the Past President no later than 30 days prior to the meeting and (B) submitting an e-mail of the presentation paper, with abstract, to the Past President no later than 15 days prior to the meeting. The format should be similar to that used in a typical scientific journal, i.e., containing an Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusion sections. The beginning and ending dates of the microscopy work must be stated at the end of the typed paper along with the author's current employer/student status and a brief description of technical duties, coursework or training.
- 5) The Past President must confirm eligibility under Section 1 (above) by contacting the *AReMS* Secretary, and if eligibility is established, notify the Members-At-Large of a WRA candidate. A copy of each candidate's poster presentation will be furnished to the MAL. If the candidate is ineligible under Section 1 (above), the Past President must notify the candidate as soon as possible after ineligibility is determined. The candidate may withdraw the poster and seek WRA consideration at a later date.
- 6) Each entry will be judged by the MAL based upon the established criteria, a copy of which is available from the Secretary. Note that point values are assigned for each segment of the entry. These are for the use of the MAL, to assist in overall rating for each entrant. The MAL will make their decision regarding the current year's award during the Fall meeting, and the WRA recipient will be announced, assuming a recipient is selected, before the end of that same meeting. The MAL will conclude business concerning the WRA by the end of the *AReMS* winter Executive Committee meeting.