



**Accepting Nominations for Lillian Jean Kaplan International Prize  
for the Advancement in the Understanding of Polycystic Kidney Disease  
(PKD)**

**Lillian Jean Kaplan International PKD Prize**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Lillian Jean Kaplan International Prize for the Advancement in the Understanding of Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD), created in 2002, recognizes a medical professional or researcher exhibiting excellence and leadership in PKD clinical or basic research. The \$50,000 cash prize is one of the most significant awards in the medical research field.

The Lillian Jean Kaplan International PKD Prize was established by the Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) Foundation and the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) through the generosity of Thomas Kaplan of New York, USA in memory of his mother Lillian Jean Kaplan who was a PKD sufferer and died in 2002.

The long term goal of the Prize is to stimulate members of the scientific and medical community throughout the world to increase, or to begin, research that will lead to a treatment and cure for the millions of people worldwide, who suffer from PKD. It also aims to generate momentum in the field as well as public awareness about the disease.

The Prize recognizes individual(s) whose seminal scientific work constitutes tangible achievement toward improving knowledge and treatment of PKD.

The Prize is awarded every two years at the ISN's World Congress of Nephrology.

## **PRIZE DESCRIPTION**

There is a prize of \$50,000 USD payable in American funds to an individual winner. **More than one prize may be made.**

The Prize may be awarded to residents of any country without restriction as to nationality.

The 2015 Prize will be presented at the World Congress of Nephrology in Cape Town in March 2015. In addition to the \$50,000 USD prize, a citation depicting the winner's work and a Steuben crystal sculpture will be presented.

The awardee(s) will present a lecture during the World Congress of Nephrology.

## **NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

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:
  - i. a statement whether the prize 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;
  - ii. a summary of the contributions of the nominee(s)
  - iii. a description of how and why the work of the nominee(s) represents a major advance in basic or clinical understanding of PKD, distinguishing those aspects of the work of which clearly set 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).

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: September 30, 2014**

## **PREVIOUS PRIZE RECIPIENTS**

2013	Vincent Gattone	Dorien J.M. Peters	
2011	James Calvet	Gerd Walz	
2009	Lisa M. Guay-Woodford	Corine Antignac	Friedhelm Hildebrandt
2007	Vicente Torres	Jing Zou	
2005	Gregory Germino	Stefan Somlo	
2003	Jared J. Grantham	Peter C. Harris	

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

Nominations are ranked by the Lillian Jean Kaplan Prize Advisory Committee chaired by Dr. Nathan W. Levin. In addition to Dr. Levin, two committee members are selected by the PKD Foundation, and two by the International Society of Nephrology. For the 2015 prize, the members are Jared J. Grantham, Vicente Torres, Stefan Somlo and [Ben Cowley](#)

The Committee will submit the names of the selected winner(s) to PKD Foundation and ISN Executive Committees for formal approval as soon as possible.

The winner(s) are announced by ISN and the PKD Foundation 2-3 months prior to the WCN.

### Nominations are to be sent to:

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