

## **UAPS Award for Excellence**

"At the upcoming UAP meeting, we will have an opportunity to reflect on the advances made by the Union and on the special contributions of a few individuals. We acknowledge most of the advances made by the Union were achieved collectively and, ideally, all the contributions must be recognized. The awards are therefore not meant to imply that these individuals are unique. Rather, they seek to illustrate the high standards of service and dedication that many in the field have set, and that others will hopefully follow.

The [UAPS] award for Excellence in African <u>population policy and service</u> recognizes individuals who have shown personal leadership in informing or implementing creative changes in population policy in the region. Special but not exclusive attention will be given to contributions in addressing the population and reproductive needs of vulnerable groups in Africa. Nominees must demonstrate excellence in one of three areas: forming policy; informing policy by communicating to policymakers; or providing direct services to vulnerable populations.

The [UAPS] award for Excellence in African population <u>research and training</u> recognizes an individual with an exceptional record of rigorous and influential research on African populations, or a strong record in the training and mentoring of African demographers. Nominees should have an exceptional track record in publishing original demographic research in a variety of outlets (including peer-reviewed journals, books, and reports) and in communicating to scientific audiences through conferences or invited lectures. Evidence of excellence might also include performance in classroom, numbers of students trained, dedication to (and achievements by) students, range of courses, or training manuals produced.

- i) Each nomination must be supported by a minimum of three UAPS members from different countries and regions, and it should be emailed to <a href="mailto:uapsaward2015@uaps.org">uapsaward2015@uaps.org</a>
- ii) The nomination package will include a letter signed by the (representative of the) nomination committee and summarizing the nominee's main accomplishments. The letter should also contain the names and email approval of the other members of the nomination committee.
- iii) Current UAPS Council members are not eligible for this award.
- iv) The selection committee for the award includes 3 UAPS Council members and two additional members selected by the Council.
- v) The submission deadline for the applications is October 31, 2015.

**NB.**: The selection committee reserves the right to not grant an award for this year, in the event it receives very few, incomplete, or unsuitable applications.