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## **The iaedp 2015 Symposium Offers Award Recognition for Eating Disorder Professionals**

**PEKIN, ILL. (Oct. 23, 2014)** -- The iaedp Foundation's Symposium 2015 will honor chosen members before their professional peers selected by iaedp's Board of Directors' special awards committee. The group also presents the Fellow of iaedp, a category of membership and honors available to highly committed and accomplished professionals. Award nominations and Fellow of iaedp (F.iaedp) applications are encouraged from members through Dec. 31, 2014.

"Our dedicated members are the reason for iaedp's success and growth," said Bonnie Harken, iaedp's Managing Director, "and our organization awards recognize members for their exemplary support as well as their contributions to eating disorder treatment."

Members, and in one instance, non-members, have four opportunities for recognition at the 2015 Symposium event:

- The Spirit of iaedp Award will be given to a member of iaedp for ten years or more who demonstrates consistent service and loyalty to iaedp's mission. Certification not required of this person.
- The New Professional Award recognizes a member of five years or fewer for innovative and substantial contributions to iaedp and the eating disorder treatment field. Possible contribution includes but is not limited to organizing a training event, supporting research through a fundraising program or assisting other new professionals in training.
- The Member of the Year Award will honor a member with six or more years of experience in the field who demonstrates noteworthy service to iaedp and consistently exceeds expectations for contributions to the iaedp conference, chapters, program development and good will ambassadorship.
- Special Service Recognition Award will award special contributions whenever applicable from a person who may not fit another award category and are not required to be iaedp members.

For consideration for elevated membership status as a Fellow of iaedp, candidates' collective contributions over time will be evaluated. Guidelines identify but are not exclusive to iaedp members of five continuous years or more who have been in practice for a minimum of 15 years, are preferably Certified Eating Disorder Specialists and have demonstrated accomplishment and participation in the field through activities such as teaching, presentations, training, research, writing and innovative community projects. Each honoree will receive a special certificate of recognition and may include "F. iaedp" with his or her credentials.

The iaedp 2015 Symposium is being held on March 19 - 22 at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort in Phoenix. Award recommendation forms are online at:

<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1024628>.