

## **Richard Ruoti Award for Scholarship**

This is a most prestigious award presented by the Aquatic Section. It is named in honor of Dr. Richard Ruoti PhD, PT., as one of the founders of the Aquatic Section established in 1992. Dr. Ruoti's achievements set the standard of volunteer leadership for the Section. It is through the unrelenting efforts of Dr. Ruoti that the Aquatic Physical Therapy Section is a thriving section today. This award was established in 2002. The purpose of this award is to recognize exemplary efforts in the advancement of aquatic physical therapy through scholarly endeavors.

Richard G. Ruoti, PH.D., PT, Physiologist, Physical Therapist, is a graduate of Temple University's College of Allied Health Professions and The Department of Kinesiology, Biokenetics Research Laboratory. He has spent the past several years combining bench research with clinical application, particularly in the area of aquatic physiology and rehabilitation. In addition, he is a member of the American College of Sports Medicine and a constituent of several professional associations. He is also the editor of the textbook Aquatic Rehabilitation and a member of the editorial board of the journal of Aquatic Physical Therapy.

### **Past Award Winners:**

2002; Richard G. Ruoti, PhD, PT

2003 ; Faye Dulcy Weinstein, PT, M.M.SC

2007: Paula Geigle, PT, PhD

2008 : Luis Vargas, PT, PhD

# 2010 Richard Ruoti Award

## AQUATIC PHYSICAL THERAPY SECTION OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

*The purpose of the Richard Ruoti award is to acknowledge a single member of the Aquatic Physical Therapy Section whose contributions to the Section as a whole, at both the Section level and the APTA level, like those of Richard Ruoti, have been of exceptional value. Please review the suggested criteria and guidelines for the nominating process, and send us your nominees for the award on the form provided on the next page.*

### CRITERIA

- A Must be a physical therapist, physical therapist assistant or Life physical therapist member of the Aquatic Physical Therapy Section. Award may be presented posthumously to those meeting membership eligibility qualifications.
- B Aquatic Physical Therapy Activity  
Has participated and involved in the Section through committee and/or task force appointments and other Section activities.
- C Persisting and lasting contributions in three (3) of the following areas:
- 1) Professional Competence - Clinical  
Has demonstrated evidence of exceptional service in the area of clinical practice on a continuing basis.
  - 2) Professional Expertise - Educational  
Has demonstrated outstanding ability to educate and motivate colleagues and students to acquire new knowledge, and foster in them an attitude of professional responsibility in meeting the health needs of the people served by our profession. Services to the Profession and Community at Large  
Has provided service in the community which demonstrates the scope and dimension of professional responsibility.
  - 3) Participated in the APTA or Other Organizations  
Has demonstrated on a continuing basis the development of the profession through involvement with the APTA and has made contributions at the district, chapter, national or international levels. Has served on committees, held elected offices, participated in professional and business meetings, served on regulatory boards, and involved in legislative activities.
  - 4) Commitment to Aquatic Physical Therapy  
Has demonstrated an abiding commitment to aquatic physical therapy as evidenced by participating in continuing education, and by actively contributing to the education of others about aquatic physical therapy through such things as publications, seminars, lectures and workshops.

### ELIGIBILITY

- 1 All nominees for the Award must be Aquatic Physical Therapy Section members in good standing.

- 2 Members excluded from eligibility, during their respective period or terms of service are: Aquatic Physical Therapy Section employees (Exception: A Section employee shall not be excluded if the services that constitute the basis for the award nomination were performed at a time when the individual was not an employee.), members of the Awards Committee responsible for recommending or selecting recipient(s) of the award; and members of the Board of Directors.

### PROCEDURE

- A Nominations for the Award must be submitted by an Aquatic Physical Therapy Section members in good standing.
- B Nomination packages must be submitted with the current nomination form provided (back of this form). Nomination forms may be photocopied, but may not be recreated by computer.
- C The nominator is responsible for submitting the following documents to the Aquatic Physical Therapy Section Headquarters as a single award nomination package. The Nomination Package must contain the following documents:
- 1 Current nomination form.
  - 2 Current curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee.
  - 3 Letter of support by the nominator, which specifically focuses on the strengths of the nominee in relation meeting at least three of the four criteria areas of this award. Additional letters of support for a nominee may be sent to the Section under separate cover.
- D Incomplete award nomination packages (e.g., no signature, no curriculum vitae, no letter of support, or documentation of specific criteria met) will not be eligible for consideration.
- E All nomination packages must be received by December 15, 2010. Nomination packages will not be returned. The nominations will be judged based on the eligibility and criteria requirements.
- F In the event those candidates nominated for the Richard Ruoti Award do not meet the criteria for eligibility, the Membership Committee reserves the right to postpone the selection of a candidate until such time as a candidate meeting the requirements for eligibility is nominated.

# 2010 Richard Ruoti Award Nomination Form

Deadline for Nomination: December 15, 2010

The following person is nominated for consideration for the Richard Ruoti Award, Aquatic Physical Therapy Section Outstanding Service Award:

I wish to Nominate (Member's Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Practice \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTACHMENTS

- Nominee's curriculum vitae.
- Nominator's letter of support by the nominator which specifically focuses on the strengths of the nominee in relation to the award. Letter of support should describe how your nominee meets the eligibility criteria for the Richard Ruoti Award. Please refer to the award criteria specifically by number. At least three criteria should have been achieved by the nominee for consideration. Additional letters of support for a nominee may be sent to the Section Headquarter under separate cover.
- Any other supportive documentation.

Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Practice \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Nominator)

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Documents Verified: \_\_\_\_\_ APT Member Verified: \_\_\_\_\_