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NFID Honors Three Infectious Disease Heroes and Issues Call for 2018 Nominations

Bethesda, MD (March 30, 2017) - The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) will celebrate three infectious disease heroes during the 2017 annual awards dinner on the evening of May 18 and is calling for nominations for 2018 awards – a landmark year that commemorates the 45th year anniversary of NFID.

This year, NFID will honor:

- Peter Piot, MD, PhD, as recipient of the 2017 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award in recognition of his lifetime public health contributions and leadership, including his role in the first isolation of the Ebola virus and outbreak investigation, his early AIDS research in Africa, his leadership of the global AIDS response and his service as head of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.
- Myron M. Levine, MD, who will receive the 2017 Maxwell Finland Award for Scientific Achievement for his unparalleled accomplishments in public health to identify solutions to major sources of disease in the developing world including cholera, typhoid and *Shigella* dysentery.
- Thomas M. File, Jr., MD, who will receive the 2017 John P. Utz Leadership Award in recognition of his commitment as a national leader in infectious diseases and an exceptional teacher, clinician, scientist and prolific contributor to the infectious disease literature, including his work on the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of pneumonia.

“We are pleased to honor and celebrate three exceptional infectious disease heroes this year,” said Marla Dalton, CAE, executive director and chief executive officer of NFID. “Drs. Piot, Levine and File have saved countless lives through their collective work on serious infectious diseases including AIDS, Ebola, cholera, dysentery and community-acquired respiratory infections.”

The 2017 dinner will be held at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda in Bethesda, MD. Tickets for the 2017 dinner are available on the [NFID website](#).

NFID is also calling for nominations for 2018 awardees. The organization is planning a special celebration to honor heroic efforts in the infectious disease community, during the 45th anniversary of the organization.

“As NFID prepares to celebrate 45 successful years of providing education around the causes, prevention and treatment of infectious diseases, 2018 is the perfect moment to reflect on all we’ve achieved since the organization was founded in 1973 and to spotlight the outstanding infectious disease heroes of today,” said William Schaffner, MD, NFID medical director.

To nominate an individual who has dedicated themselves to public health and the fight against infectious diseases, submit an online application. Nominations for the 2018 [Maxwell Finland Award for Scientific Achievement](#) and [Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award](#) will be accepted until June 30, 2017. All nominations must be submitted online at: <http://www.nfid.org/awards/2018-awards-nomination.html>.

About the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1973 dedicated to educating the public and healthcare professionals about the causes, prevention and treatment of infectious diseases across the lifespan.