IHPBA Distinguished Service Awards 2019

IHPBA Distinguished Service Medals have been awarded to Dr Paul Greig and Dr Miguel Mercado

Dr Paul Greig

Dr Greig is a legendary figure in the field of HPB Surgery. He completed his training at the University of Toronto where he was appointed as Assistant Professor in 1984 and subsequently rose through the ranks to become Professor of Surgery and Director of Gastrointestinal Transplantation as well as Program Director of the Abdominal Organ Transplant Fellowships. In these roles, Dr Greig established himself as one of the world’s most outstanding HPB and liver transplant surgeons.

Dr Greig has had major leadership roles in the AHPBA and IHPBA, especially focused on the surgical training in the field. In addition he had a major role in living donor liver transplant, arguably helping to develop the preeminent program in North America. He is also a highly published surgical investigator with over 200 peer-reviewed publications.

Over the years, Dr Greig has mentored an entire generation of HPB surgeons, most of whom hold positions of high rank at distinguished universities globally. Dr Greig is renowned for his dedication to the education and training of students, residents and fellows as demonstrated by the multiple awards bestowed to him. IHPBA is delighted to add to Dr Greig’s long list of accolades by awarding him the IHPBA Distinguished Service Medal 2019 for his outstanding contribution to the HPB field.

Dr Miguel Mercado

Dr Mercado is the doyen of the biliary tract, and has forged a tremendous reputation and acclaim for his heralded contribution to HPB surgery.

Dr Mercado completed his residence in General Surgery and fellowship in hepato-pancreato-biliary at the National Institute of Nutrition Salvador Zubirán (INNSZ) and the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), then from 1987 to 1989 continued his training in hepatic surgery at Heinz Kalk Hospital and the School of Medicine (Medizinische Hochschule) in Hannover, Germany. On his return to Mexico, he became part of the staff at the INNSZ, as Surgeon, Researcher and Vice Chairman of Critical Care Medicine, and from 2007 to date he is the Chairman of Surgery.

Dr Mercado has published 188 articles and 169 chapters in books, with special interest in hepatic surgery. He has written 6 books on this subject and has been cited more than 1,530 times in other articles. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, Mexican Academy of Surgery, and Level III National Investigator. He has been appointed honorary member of the American Surgical Association and the European Surgical Association. He is a member of numerous societies and organizations, and has been President of the Mexican Gastroenterology Association, Mexican Experimental Surgery Association, and Medical Association of INNSZ.

Dr Mercado is Professor of the Surgical Specialization Program and Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary fellowship, both acknowledged by UNAM. In 2016 he received the National Award for Clinical Research “Miguel Otero” from the President of Mexico.

Dr Mercado is the world’s preeminent authority on bile duct injury and a pioneer in his field who is truly respected by all his peers. IHPBA is honoured to award Dr Mercado the IHPBA Distinguished Service Medal 2019 for his extraordinary service to HPB surgery.

Both medals were awarded during the Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association Annual Meeting 2019.