

JUAN CARLOS FINLAY 2012 AWARD NOMINATION PACKAGE HISPANIC OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

The Juan Carlos Finlay Award was established by the Hispanic Officers Advisory Committee (HOAC) to honor individuals, groups, and organizations who through work performance and other activities have demonstrated leadership in the development of programs, methods, or initiatives that improve access to and/or health services for Hispanics. The award honors two individuals, groups, or organizations:

1. Sustained Service Award: Career Dedication (Senior Officer, O-5 and above)
2. Significant Achievement Award: Notable Achievement (Junior Officer, O-4 and below)

HISTORY

Juan Carlos Finlay (1833-1915) was a physician and epidemiologist who discovered that the mosquito was the vector for yellow fever. Dr. Finlay was born in Puerto Principe (now Camaguey), Cuba, on December 3, 1833. He received his degree in medicine from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1855, and after further study in Havana and Paris began his medical practice at Matanzas and then in Havana, Cuba.

Dr. Finlay was deeply involved in the great sanitary problems of his country and in 1879 he was named by the Cuban Government to serve with the North American Commission that was in Cuba to study the causes of yellow fever. During his work with the commission, he theorized that the transmission of yellow fever required a vector and presented his theory in 1881 to the International Sanitary Conference in Washington, D.C. In 1881 Finlay also presented a paper to the Academy of Sciences of Havana indicating that a mosquito, Culex faciatius (now known as Aedes aegypti), was the vector of the yellow-fever organism. Though supported by numerous experiments and observations, his theory was not accepted by the scientific world until 1901, when Walter Reed confirmed his findings in a report before the International Sanitary conference at Havana. This resulted in the work of W.C. Gorgas in Cuba and Panama, ending the plague that for more than 200 years had scourged the Caribbean and Gulf coastal areas.

ELIGIBILITY

Members of the Commissioned Corps of the USPHS or equivalent civil service professionals
Current voting members of the HOAC are not eligible

CRITERIA

Each nomination shall describe the specific accomplishments of the candidate (individual or organization) who has performed in one or more of the following areas:

1. Leadership in their area of expertise as it pertains to Hispanic health care issues
2. Accomplishments in Hispanic health care development, management, and/or improvement
3. Organization and/or implementation of activities/programs that significantly improve Hispanic access to health care and health care services.

PROCEDURE

- 1) Complete the Nomination Form (see below).
- 2) Write a narrative statement, describing the nominee's accomplishments & impact as outlined above, not to exceed two pages in length.
- 3) Nominations may be submitted by PHS Agencies, Regional Offices, private non-profit groups, and others with special knowledge of Hispanic health issues and programs.
- 4) Nominations must be endorsed by the nominee's first-line supervisor. Other endorsements are encouraged, they provide verification and support.
- 5) Nominations are to be submitted electronically.

Submit Nominations to:

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For Questions, Additional Assistance, or Information contact:

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Due Date:

April 19th, 2013

Award Ceremony:

The Juan Carlos Finlay Award will be presented at the 2013 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium to be held on May 21-23, 2013, in Glendale Arizona.

UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
HISPANIC OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUAN CARLOS FINLAY AWARD 2012
NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Last Name	First Name	MI	Suffix	Rank/Grade	Credential
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USPHS Category	Job Title	Agency/Organization
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Work Address	Work Phone	E-mail Address
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Name of Supervisor/Rating Official	Work Phone	E-mail Address
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AWARD NOMINATED FOR: SUSTAINED SERVICE: CAREER DEDICATION
 SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT: NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT

CITATION (25 words or less):

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

Name	Title	Date	Phone	E-mail Address
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ENDORSEMENTS:

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