Subject: NC-213 – The Andersons, Inc. Awards for 2018

Greetings:

As Chair of the NC-213 Awards Committee, this year I invite you to submit nominations for the 2018 Andersons Cereals and Oilseeds Award of Excellence and for the 2018 Andersons Cereals and Oilseeds Early-in-Career Award of Excellence. The deadline for nominations is Noon, Wednesday, January 31, 2018 Please contact me if you need assistance with a nomination – don’t hesitate to make a nomination simply because you are not sure you can get all the materials together in time. Also, we ask that you think “outside of the box.” Please consider a work group, USDA Agency, or an Academic Department.

The Andersons Cereals and Oilseeds Award of Excellence
Description-
The Andersons Cereals and Oilseeds Award of Excellence, created in 1999, is the opportunity to recognize individuals or teams that have made superior contributions to science and/or education related to cereals and oilseeds.

The award will consist of a $1,000 award and a plaque to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Eligibility-
1-Must have demonstrated a well-documented history of leadership, superior contributions to science and/or education related to cereals and oilseeds.
2-Can be associated with a university, and it is desirable that the nominee be from private industry or a state or federal agency. A team award is also encouraged. Nominee need not be a member of NC-213.

Nomination Package-
1-Not more than three letters of support including at least one letter from industry.
2-A statement that describes the nominee’s background, contributions, and impacts on the cereal and oilseed industry, research community, or educational programs (maximum five pages, single-spaced, 12 point font).
3-A complete curriculum vitae/resume.

Any past nominations less than two years old (includes those from 2014 and 2015) will be automatically included. Any past nomination may be updated by the nominator if desired.

This award is an important tradition of NC-213 and it provides an excellent opportunity to honor our colleagues for superior contributions to science and/or education related to quality of cereals and oilseeds. Past award winners are listed below.
The Andersons Cereals and Oilseeds Early-in-Career Award of Excellence

Description-
The Andersons Early-in-Career Award recognizes individuals early in their careers whose work has significantly contributed to improvements in science, innovation, technology implementation, policy formation, and/or education related to quality of cereals and oilseeds from processing to consumption, and who show outstanding promise of continuing those contributions into the future.

The award will consist of a plaque that will be presented at the Annual Meeting, a $500 honorarium for presenting an invited presentation at an NC-213 meeting or NC-213-related event on a topic consistent with NC-213 objectives within two years of being the Recipient of the Award.

Eligibility-
1 – Must have become associated with NC-213 within the past five years, have worked in their current position level no more than 10 years, and be no more than 40 years old as of January 1 of the year the award will be given.
2 – Can be associated with a university, private industry, or a state or federal agency.

Award Criteria-
1 – Significant contributions in science, innovation, technology implementation, policy formation, and/or education related to quality of cereals and oilseeds from processing to consumption.
2 – Shows outstanding promise of continuing those contributions into the future.

Nomination Package-
1 - Up to three letters of support from academic, government, and/or industry personnel.
2 - A statement that describes the nominee’s background, contributions, and impacts on the cereal and oilseed industry, research community, or educational programs (maximum two pages, single-spaced, 12 point font). This should include contributions specifically related to NC-213.
3 - A complete curriculum vitae/resume.

Past recipients of this award:
2011 – Dr. Senay Simsek (First Year of Award)
2012-2013 – No award given.
2014 – Kingsly Ambrose
2015 – No award given.
2016 – Gretchen Mosher
2017 – No award given.

Review-
The NC-213 Awards Committee will solicit and review nomination packages.

Award Date-
The The Andersons Cereals and Oilseeds Award of Excellence and The Andersons Early-in-Career Award will be presented during the annual meeting of Multistate Project NC-213, “Marketing and Delivery of Quality Grains and BioProcess Coproducts” (NC-213 – The U.S. Quality Grains Research Consortium). For 2018, this will be Wednesday, February 21 and Thursday, February 22, 2018, Kansas City, Missouri.

2018 Nomination Instructions-
Submit nominations by: Noon, Wednesday, January 31, 2018
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