

Impact Maker of the Year Award



What is it?

- One Impact Maker Award will be presented each year for ARDMS and one for APCA, recognizing two distinguished Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) annually.
- The award honors volunteers who have shown consistent, meaningful service to Inteleos (e.g., committee participation, item writing and review, and other assessment-related activities) and who continue to serve in active volunteer roles.
- Each awardee receives:
 - An invitation to the Inteleos Annual Leadership Meeting (ALM)
 - A commemorative physical award, presented at the ALM
 - A shareable [digital badge](#)
 - Spotlights across Inteleos social media, the volunteer newsletter, and the volunteer portal

Why was the award instituted?

- The award was instituted to intentionally recognize and elevate high-impact SMEs who may not currently hold formal leadership titles (such as Chair/Vice Chair) but whose sustained contributions are critical to exam quality, innovation, and volunteer culture at Inteleos.
- It complements existing volunteer recognition initiatives by creating a focused, high-visibility platform that highlights individual stories of impact across the Inteleos ecosystem throughout the year.

How are winners selected?

- Nominations open in Q4 and are solicited from all Assessment Committee (AC) members and a defined group of committed Maintenance of Certification (MOC) SMEs, with reminders built into committee and council calls to drive broad participation. Inteleos staff who work directly with SMEs, such as Exam Program Managers, are also invited to submit nominations.
- Eligible nominees must:
 - Have demonstrated consistent volunteer service with Inteleos (committees, item writing/review)
 - Be a current, active volunteer
 - Not be currently serving as Chair or Vice Chair of an assessment committee
 - Not self-nominate
- For both ARDMS and APCA, the nominee who receives the highest number of nominations and meets all eligibility criteria is selected as the awardee. In the event of a tie, staff vote on a slate of finalists to determine the final recipient.

For any questions, please reach out to volunteer@inteleos.org.