The 2003 AU Awards for Excellence

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Abstract

The philosophy of the AU Awards is based on the idea of the President Emeritus, Rev. Bro. Martin P. Komolmas to recognize, promote, and reward those who sacrificed their lives and time by their loyalty and positive contributions to the institution. The six awards offered since 1997 are: (i) St. Montfort’s - ‘Illustrious Service Award’, (ii) St. Michael’s - ‘Public Service Award (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class), (iii) St. Hilaire’s - ‘Distinction in Writing Award’ (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class), (iv) St. Martin de Tours’ - ‘Excellence in Performance Award’ (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class), (v) St. Bernard’s - ‘Special Merit Award’ (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class), and (vi) St. Thomas Aquinas’ - ‘Research Award’ (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class). The presentation ceremony for the year 2003 was held on 24 December 2003, when three members of the faculties in the field of science and technology of Assumption University received their awards. They were: Ms. Nootrudee Siriboon of the Faculty of Biotechnology, who received the St. Martin de Tours Award for Excellence in Teaching (3rd Class), Prof. Dr. Tin Win of the Faculty of Science and Technology, who received the St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Research (1st Class), and Mr. Peerapol Moemeng of the Faculty of Science and Technology, who received the St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Research (3rd Class).

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The Philosophy and Objectives

“Those who have sacrificed their lives and time by their creative loyalty; and positive contributions to the institution must be recognized, promoted and rewarded.” So wrote Rev. Martin P. Komolmas, the Emeritus President in the Faculty and Staff Development Policies, given on 22 July 1993.

The philosophical underpinnings of the AU Awards for Excellence were simply, that good deeds and achievements must be recognized and rewarded. The President had often expressed his wish to establish academic awards as incentives for the academic community. Evaluation of job performance for this purpose was undertaken. After a considerable length of time, the administrators decided to introduce the awards. These awards are aimed at both rewarding those for past performances and to encourage future efforts.

As a reward, it demonstrates that those selected have met and surpassed the standards of excellence for the award given. The awards are also meant to encourage future efforts of not only those present recipients, but also others that take notice that they too, will be recognized for their superior performance. The AU Awards for Excellence are granted annually to the selected few that meet the criteria for selection.

The Six AU Awards for Excellence

There are altogether six AU Awards for Excellence. Each award was named after an illustrious person found in Catholic Church history and also in memory of our predecessors who had worked long and hard to carry out their teaching mission. The AU Awards for Excellence Committee laid down the general
policies governing each award in 1997. These policies are subject to review; re-interpretation and modification as the times may call for. Except for the St. Montfort Award, the awards are given in three classes. The second and third class awards are meant to recognize mid-level and junior AU faculty and staff, who have performed well above the norm as compared to their peer group. The six awards are as follows:

1. St. Montfort’s ‘Illustrious Service Award’
2. St. Michael’s ‘Public Service Award (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class)
3. St. Hilaire’s ‘Distinction in Writing Award (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class)
4. St. Martin de Tours ‘Excellence in Performance Award’ (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class)
5. St. Bernard’s ‘Special Merit Award’ (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class)

Among the eight awardees this year, three are affiliated with the faculties in the areas of science and technology covered by the AU Journal of Technology. Details of the awardees are given below:

St. Martin de Tours Award

The Significance of St. Martin de Tours

St. Martin de Tours, for whom St. Martin de Tours Award is named, was a Roman soldier raised in Italy. Finding God, he converted to Christianity, and became an unwilling soldier. Later he was a disciple of Hilaire of Poitiers and, still late, became the Bishop of Tours.

The award was also named in memory of Bro. Martin de Tours, one of the five Brothers who first entered Siam on 20 October 1901.

Excellence in Teaching

This award is designed for lecturers and administrators, who discharged their duties and responsibilities consciously and superbly, who exhibited high standards of efficiency, excellence and quality in teaching, counseling, and duties such as: composition of test materials, framing of examination papers and other academic related factors. The award is also for non-teaching staff which add to the University learning process.

St. Martin de Tours Awardee

Awardee’s Name: Ms. Nootrudee Siriboon, Chairperson, Department of Food Technology, Faculty of Biotechnology

Awardee’s Biodata: Ms. Nootrudee holds a Master’s degree in Food Science from Kasetsart University. She was found to be highly capable, proficient and resourceful, and her expertise was also attributable to the fact that she has worked as Assistant Dean, Student Affairs and Chairperson of the Department of Food Technology at Rangsit University for over three years during 1991-1994.

Awardee’s Citation: Ms. Nootrudee Siriboon joined the Faculty of Biotechnology on 1 June 1994 as a full-time lecturer but within a short space of time, and on 1 October 1995, she was promoted as Chairperson of the Food Technology Department. She was found to be highly capable, proficient and resourceful and her expertise was also attributable to the fact that she has worked as Assistant Dean, Student Affairs and Chairperson of Department of Food Technology in Rangsit University for over three years during 1991-94.
Ms. Nootrudee’s research interests are in Cereal, Bakery, Fruit and Vegetable Technology as well as in Quality Control, Sanitation and Packaging. She taught mostly in these subjects. She is a highly disciplined and no-nonsense type of lecturer and knowing this her students concentrate on their studies and derives benefit by absorbing and assimilating their lessons quickly and without distractions. She has worked here smoothly and effectively for nearly ten years.

In appreciation of her services and contributions, Ms. Nootrudee has been awarded the St. Martin de Tours Award for Excellence in Teaching (3rd Class).

**Articles Published in AU J.T.:** Ms. Nootrudee Siriboon has published the following paper in the AU Journal of Technology:

- Study on the use of sweet potato flour in cake [AU J.T. 3(1): 42-47 (Jul. 1999)] (Second of two authors)

**St. Thomas Aquinas Awards**

**The Significance of St. Thomas Aquinas**

St. Thomas Aquinas was a great Dominican teacher (1225-1274). He traveled and wrote extensively. His two *Summas* should not obscure his other biblical, theological and philosophical writings. He dedicated his brilliant talents to the investigation of the sublime truth of God in the light of faith and the human intellectual. He is the patron saint of all Catholic schools.

**Excellence in Research**

The award was named after St. Thomas Aquinas in respect for his special talents that he devoted in full measure to the research for the Eternal Truth.

This award is given to those who contribute through their research to the promotion, enhancement or the reputation and prestige of the University. Their research should result in publications, patents and/or other innovative materials or feature.

**St. Thomas Aquinas Awardees**

**(1) Dr. Tin Win:** Professor, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science and Technology.

*Biodata:* Prof. Dr. Tin Win was in the employment of the University of Yangon, Myanmar, and retired on 6 April 1992 while working in the position of Professor/Head of Chemistry Department. He joined Assumption University on 1 June 1994 as a full-time lecture. Although, almost always engrossed in pedagogy and research in his faculty positions, he found time to be involved in the following extramural or exogenous activities, which show that Dr. Win Tin is a highly versatile and resourceful person in addition to his acuity, mental agility, and profundity in his specialized field of science and technology.

- Member of the Royal Australian Chemistry Institute (RACI)
- Chartered chemist of RACI
- Member of the American Chemical Society
- Advisor for waste management at a copper mine and textile mill, Myanmar
- Consultant for the development of a graduate pulp and paper program at AIT, Thailand

Prof. Dr. Tin Win
Consultant for science curriculum for the British International School.

Thesis advisor of two M.A. students of Maha Chulalongkorn Buddhist University, Thailand.

Citation: Dr. Tin Win has been an active member of so many prestigious institutions and associations such as member and chartered chemist of the Royal Australian Chemistry Institute, member of the American Chemical Society. He has written more than 100 scientific papers published in international scientific journals. He has been conferred the St. Thomas Aquinas Research Award (1st Class).

Articles Published in AU J.T.: Dr. Tin Win ranks first in the number of articles published in the AU Journal of Technology. Since October 1999, he has been its regular contributor, and as many as 18 articles have been published in the AU Journal of Technology under his name up to the present, either as the sole or joint author. His articles and their citations are presented below:

- Chemistry of ozone shield destruction [AU J.T. 6(3): 115-120 (Jan. 2003)]
- A potential model for chemical oscillations [AU J.T. 5(2): 87-91 (Oct. 2001)] (Third of three authors)
- Group theory applications to vibrational modes [AU J.T. 5(1): 1-4 (Jul. 2001)] (Second of two authors)
- Identification of fulvoplumierin isolated from the bark of Plumeria acutifolia Poir, an antimalarial drug of traditional medicine of Myanmar [AU J.T. 5(1): 5-8 (Jul. 2001)] (Fourth of four authors)
- Concentration limits for chemical oscillations [AU J.T. 5(1): 9-12 (Jul. 2001)] (Third of three authors)
- Isolation and characterization of berberine from rhizomes of Coptis teeta Wall. – A Myanmar traditional anti-malarial drug by NMR and mad spectroscopic methods [AU J.T. 4(2): 79-83 (Oct. 2000)] (Fifth of five authors)
- Assumption University and sensor development [AU J.T. 3(2): 84-90 (Oct. 1999)]

2) A. Peerapol Moemeng: Lecturer, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Science and Technology.

Biodata: Mr. Peerapol Moemeng graduated with a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science (Computer Science) degrees from Assumption University in March 1998 and December 2000, respectively. He joined the Faculty of Science and Technology, June 1998.

Citation: Soon after joining the S&T Faculty, Mr. Peerapol became very active in research in the field of computer science. He was involved as either the primary author or co-author of the following papers presented at various conferences:


For his important and effective contributions, he has been conferred the St. Thomas Aquinas Award (3rd Class).

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