Founder Awards

Norbert Bischof
For Advancing Attachment Study Through The Use of Control Systems Theory and Computational Modeling.

Marinus van IJzendoorn
For Creative Use of Meta-analytic Methods to Secure Key Results From Three Generations of Attachment Study.

Contributor Awards

Olga Alicia Carbonell
For Helping Establish Attachment Study in Latin America Through Mentoring and Translational Research.

Manuella Verissimo
Scientist and Mentor Who Has Taught Developmental and Clinical Trainees the Value of the Secure Base Concept.

Special Award

Brian E. Vaughn
For Friendship to Mary Ainsworth, Generous Mentoring, and Advancing Ethological Methods in Attachment Study.

The Bowlby-Ainsworth Award recognizes founders and singular contributors to the Bowlby-Ainsworth tradition of attachment theory and research.

Selections are made by the Awards Committee of the Center for Mental Health Promotion and The New York Attachment Consortium in consultation with distinguished international colleagues. The Award is represented by a crystal sculpture engraved with the portraits of John Bowlby and Mary Ainsworth, the recipient’s name, and a brief award statement.

This year’s Awards acknowledge two senior scholars, one a student of von Holst and Lorenz whose work has made computational modeling a growing focus in attachment study, the other an exceptionally creative researcher whose meta-analytic work has helped summarize the explosion of empirical findings that have flowed from Bowlby’s and Ainsworth’s insights.

We also recognize young contributors from Colombia and Portugal who, in addition to their empirical research, have advanced attachment study and helped guarantee its future through their teaching and generous mentoring.

Finally, this year’s awards recognize a scholar and friend of Mary Ainsworth whose commitment to observational research, generous mentoring, and support for the attachment research enterprise reflect and sustain the Bowlby-Ainsworth tradition.

Information about the Awards and about the nominating process is available on-line at www.nyattachment.org.