

# PharmaChemical Ireland's Industry Awards for Science Teaching Excellence 2011

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Pharmaceutical Ireland, the sector in IBEC that represents the Irish pharmaceutical and chemical industry, has launched the 2011 Industry Awards and invites applications.

Now in their fourth year, these awards recognise excellence in the teaching of science. The last three years saw a range of winners, all just graduated from university and in their first years of teaching. They continue to demonstrate excellence in their teaching and motivate their students to pursue a career in science. Siobhán Murphy, education executive with PharmaChemical Ireland, said "Never before has innovation in the science teaching profession been so important. In announcing the industry awards for 2011 PharmaChemical Ireland signals the value that the industry places on science education and on the teachers who strive to innovate in the classroom. Such enthusiastic science teachers are crucial to the development of the sector and to the future employment needs of the pharmaceutical industry"



*Award winners 2008*

## The 2011 awards

This year the awards are open to the entire science teaching community. From mid October to the end of February, 2011, ISTA members currently teaching science at post-primary level may apply. Entrants will be required to give a presentation to their local branch between now and the end of February. An electronic copy of this presentation along with evaluation forms, attendance roll and a completed application form should be forwarded to Siobhan Murphy. The top four entries will be required to give their presentation at the ISTA Conference in April 2011, at which an overall winner will be selected. Application forms and guidelines can be downloaded from the ISTA and PharmaChemical Ireland websites.

The winners will be announced at the Irish Science Teachers' Association annual conference in Thurles in April 2011. The runner up will receive two years membership of the ISTA, an LCD projector and a cash prize of €500.

**The overall winner will receive a prize of ten years membership of the ISTA, a laptop computer and a cash prize of €1,000.**



*Award winners 2009*

## Entry Details

1. The awards will run from mid October 2010 to the end of February 2011.
2. Application forms and guidelines can be downloaded from the ISTA website.
3. A hard copy of the computer presentation delivered at the branch meeting must be included in the entry.
4. An electronic copy of the computer presentation should be emailed to [siobhan.murphy@ibec.ie](mailto:siobhan.murphy@ibec.ie)
5. An evaluation form should be completed by all the members of the branch who attend the presentation. These evaluation forms should be included with the applicant's entry. (A copy of the evaluation form can be downloaded from [www.ista.ie](http://www.ista.ie))
6. All entries should be forwarded to **Ms Siobhán Murphy, PharmaChemical Ireland, Confederation House, 84-86 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2**, before the 28th February, 2011.
7. The top four entries will be required to deliver their presentations at the ISTA Conference in April 2011, at which an overall winner will be selected.



*Award winners 2010*

# ISTA /PharmaChemical Ireland Teacher Awards: Application Form

The closing date for receipt of application forms is **Monday, 28th February 2011**.

Successful applicants will present their winning presentation at the ISTA AGM in April, 2011

Please print all details:

1. Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. School address: \_\_\_\_\_
4. E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Contact telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Number of years currently teaching: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Current ISTA member: Yes  No

Name of ISTA Branch of which you are a member: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Please outline your previous involvement with your local ISTA branch:

i. Have you held an officer position within the branch? Yes  No

ii. If yes, please identify which position you held:

Chairperson  Secretary  Treasurer  Branch Council Rep.

iii. Have you given a presentation to a local branch meeting? Yes  No

iv. If yes, please state the topic of the presentation:

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v. Have you submitted any articles to the ISTA magazine Science? Yes  No

vi. Have you assisted with the organisation of a local junior science quiz or a regional final of the senior science quiz? Yes  No

vii. What percentage of branch meetings do you attend per year on average? \_\_\_\_\_

viii. Please outline any other ways in which you have contributed to your local ISTA branch which have not been referred to above:

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9. Please specify the theme of a 40 minute presentation you have given to your local branch which provided a quality continuous professional development opportunity for the members.

Content: \_\_\_\_\_

On separate pages please provide a brief **synopsis** of the content of the presentation, a copy of any **handouts** provided to participants and a completed **attendance** form (available on [www.ista.ie](http://www.ista.ie)).

An electronic copy of the presentation should be emailed to Siobhán Murphy at [siobhan.murphy@ibec.ie](mailto:siobhan.murphy@ibec.ie)

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have read the responses to questions in this form and assert that they are accurate.

Signature Local Branch Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Branch Chairperson Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Attendance Roll

Name of Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Pharmaceutical Ireland ISTA Presentation

## Evaluation Form

1. Name of Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Title of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Location of Course: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please indicate your gender Male  Female

5. On a scale of 1-5, where 1 = not useful, 5 = very useful, please indicate how useful you found this evening's presentation to your classroom practice;

Please tick one of the following;

Not useful		Average		Very useful
1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. On a scale of 1-5, where 1 = not interesting, 5 = very interesting, please indicate your level of interest in this evening's presentation;

Please tick one of the following;

Not interesting		Average		Very interesting
1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Did you learn any techniques from this presentation that you will incorporate into your future lessons?

Please tick one of the following; Yes  No

8. On a scale of 1-5, where 1 = poorly presented, 5 = excellent presentation, please indicate your level of interest in this evening's presentation;

Please tick one of the following;

Poorly presented		Average		Excellent presentation
1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Which of the following subjects was the presentation most relevant to;

Please tick all that apply;

Junior Cert. Science  Biology  Chemistry  Physics

10. Any other comments:

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