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## AMIA President's Awards, 1999

The AMIA President's Award recognizes individuals who have devoted unusual personal effort to the development of the association and the field of medical informatics.

The recipients for 1999 are:

- *Patricia Ann Abbott, PhD, RN-C*, for her tireless leadership of the Nursing Informatics Working Group and her outstanding membership recruitment efforts
- *Joseph W. Hales, PhD*, chair of our first focused spring meeting, which was aimed at enriching the intellectual content of our efforts to educate students in the field, and significant contributor to AMIA's ACCME accreditation approval
- *W. Edward Hammond, PhD*, a pioneer in the field, who has advanced the level of standards and

served faithfully as treasurer of AMIA during a demanding time

- *Janice Kennedy*, who as Senior Staff and Acting Director of AMIA and Executive Director of CPRI, has given both organizations continuity and quality by her loyal service
- *Charles Safran, MD, MS*, for elevating the level of intellectual content by improving the rigor of presentations at AMIA meetings, and for eliminating redundancy by focusing the approach to the spring meeting as chair of the Meetings Committee and chair of the Medinfo scientific program
- *Harold M. Schoolman, MD*, who served 29 years at the NLM as Acting Director and Director of Education and Research. He played a key role in the wise strategy and development of information services, which have had a worldwide effect.