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Welcome to the 2020 PharmaTimes Clinical Researcher of the Year – The Americas Awards Stream!

This year we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of Clinical Researcher of the Year - The Americas and what a challenging year it has been! We had hoped to be celebrating in Raleigh, North Carolina, however this year both our finals days and awards gala have gone virtual.

2020 has proven to be a demanding year for everyone involved in the research industry. The pandemic has required rapid changes and new ways of thinking to meet critically important research goals. Standard research processes have been delayed due to quarantine, travel restrictions, reduced capacity to conduct onsite visits, and workforce reductions across sites and industry. Despite these challenges, research to find a vaccine to prevent COVID has emerged at record pace, and work across the entire research spectrum has continued. No matter your role, the way of working and meeting expected deliverables has significantly changed in today’s environment.

The competition is reviewed annually by the Executive Steering Group to ensure it accurately reflects the environment in which clinical researchers in the Americas are working. This esteemed committee, which is made up of key industry leaders and stakeholders, have put their minds together to re-vamp the categories with brand new challenges to keep the finalists on their toes.

To make it to the finals, all 53 individual finalists and 20 teams let their creative and critical thinking shine by submitting their written response to the theme of Building Quality in Clinical Trials, 10 years of celebrating quality clinical research professionals in Stage 2 of the competition. The finalists competed in rigorous, real-life professional challenges in the live virtual final’s day, which were designed and judged by senior clinical research leaders.

Finalists had to put their skills to the test against all kinds of clinical researchers, from every corner of the Americas representing a huge array of different companies.

They will be fighting for their crown across ten categories, for individuals these included: Clinical Research Co-ordinator, New CRA, Experienced CRA, Clinical Trial Manager, Project Manager and for the first time Study Start-up. Meanwhile the teams will be eagerly anticipating the results for the Company Team, Strategic Team, Site Team categories and, also new for 2020, Study Start-up Team.

The candidates have all shown incredible talent and determination to reach the finals of the PharmaTimes Clinical Researcher of the Year – The Americas; and we wish them all the very best of luck tonight as the results of the competition are revealed.

I raise a virtual toast to all of those who had the initiative and courage to pursue this professional achievement of being a Finalist of the Clinical Researcher of the Year - The Americas!

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