

## 2021 President's Award Recipient: Dikran Toroser, PhD, CMPP

**Gail V. Flores, PhD** / 2020–2021 AMWA President

*The President's Award is given by the AMWA President to a member of AMWA who has made distinctive contributions to the association at the chapter or national level. The nominee must have been an AMWA member for 10 years and cannot have served on the Executive Committee.*

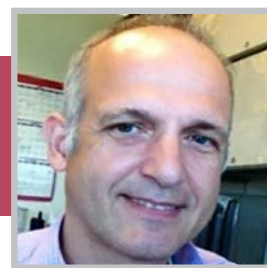
It is my great privilege to present this year's President's Award to Dikran Toroser, PhD, CMPP. Dikran will receive the award in October in conjunction with the 2021 Medical Writing & Communication Conference.

Dikran is currently a Director and Publication Planning Group Lead at Takeda in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He has been an AMWA member since 2008 and has been a diligent, hard-working volunteer ever since. I was lucky to get to know him when we volunteered together for the former Pacific Southwest Chapter. Dikran wrote a regular column in the chapter newsletter and spoke at chapter events. At the national level, he served on the committee to recruit volunteers and support members to form the new Pacific

Southwest Chapter and served for 2 terms on the Nominating Committee to create the slate of national AMWA officers. He has also presented posters and led roundtables at annual AMWA Medical Writing & Communication Conferences. Most recently, we served together on the Writing Committee for the AMWA-EMWA-ISMPP Joint Position Statement on Medical Publications, Preprints, and Peer Review as representatives of AMWA, and he has presented on the statement to our various sister organizations. Throughout his years as an AMWA volunteer, Dikran has been analytical, thoughtful, and fair, not to mention overwhelmingly kind and gracious.

Dikran has also served as an adjunct faculty member and consulting director for the University of California San Diego Extension Medical Writing programs for 6 years and is an active member of the International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP).

Please join me in congratulating Dikran on this well-deserved honor!



## The Golden Apple Award: Aaron Bernstein, PhD

**Elise Eller, PhD** / 2020–2021 Director-at-Large and Chair and Board Liaison, Member Awards Committee

*The Golden Apple Award is presented to a member of AMWA to honor consistent, outstanding workshop leadership.*

This year's Golden Apple recipient is Aaron Bernstein, PhD. The Member Awards Committee was impressed with Aaron's long-term commitment to leading workshops for AMWA and ability to keep his workshops engaging and his material timely and relevant.

Aaron has taught 31 workshops since 1998. He has been the sole leader of 2 regulatory-focused workshops, "Regulatory Aspects of the Drug Development Process" and "Current Trends in Drug Regulations," and leads workshops at annual conferences and conducts onsite training.

Aaron is a founding member and past President of the European Medical Writers Association. He is a primary

contributor to the development of the CORE Reference tool and website, a detailed companion to the International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use E3 guideline on Clinical Study Reports. He is a co-author of peer-reviewed publications on the topic of clinical trial transparency and the production of clinical study reports.

Please join AMWA in congratulating Aaron. He will be acknowledged at the 2021 Medical Writing & Communication Conference, to be held virtually October 27-29.

*The Member Awards Committee members were Elizabeth Brown, Elise Eller (chair), Andrea Gwosdow, Karen Klein, Mary Knatterud, Susan Krug (ex officio), Marianne Mallia, and Kristina Wasson-Blader. Diane Noland from AMWA Headquarters provided excellent support.*

