

The NHPRS- Neil Towers “Pride of Burma” award

The Neil Towers “Pride of Burma” award, is given to the individual who has contributed significantly and over a period of time to the field of Natural Health Products by:

a) research and development activities with NHPs, **or**

b) development of the regulatory, educational or commercial aspects of NHPs.

Nominations can be made by any member in good standing in NHPRS, and must be cosponsored by a second member. Nomination files should include a brief outline of the reasons for the nomination in relation to the above criteria (0.5 pg) and a short biography of the nominated individual (0.5 pg). Nomination files should be sent to the President of NHPRS by email before March 1 (NHPRS.conference@ubc.ca). The award will be announced at the annual general meeting.

The Pride of Burma (*Amherstia nobilis*) and Neil Towers

The pride of Burma is a unique species in the genus *Amherstia* and is endemic species to Burma, the original home of G.H. Neil Towers, a leading figure in medicinal plant research in the 20th century. The NHPRS –Neil Towers “Pride of Burma” award is named in honour of G.H. Neil Towers, a leading figure in medicinal plant research from 1960-2005 and Professor of Botany at UBC. Neil was instrumental in stimulating research interest in the field in North America. Neil spent his early years in Burma before coming to Canada for study and his professional career. He celebrated biological and cultural diversity throughout his life.

