



JIMMY CARTER

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For almost 50 years, the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) has played an important role in public and professional education around the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases. Through its activities, NFID educates and engages millions—from families with small children to experienced healthcare professionals and community leaders. NFID is a leading organization promoting awareness of the burden, causes, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of infectious diseases across the lifespan. I applaud NFID for its many accomplishments.

NFID presents annual awards to recognize outstanding individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to public health through scientific achievement, philanthropy, and/or legislation. Rosalynn joins me in congratulating the 2021 NFID distinguished awardees.

This year, Anita K.M. Zaidi, MBBS, SM, has been selected to receive the 2021 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award in recognition of her outstanding career in vaccine development and disease prevention in the poorest parts of the world. Dr. Zaidi led the strategy for typhoid conjugate vaccines, oral cholera vaccine stockpile enhancement, and development of the first low-cost rotavirus vaccine by a developing country manufacturer.

NFID selected William A. Petri, Jr., MD, PhD to receive the 2021 Maxwell Finland Award for Scientific Achievement in recognition of his contributions as an internationally renowned scientist and a pioneer in the study of enteric infections. His discoveries have led to innovative approaches to diagnose and treat diseases and prevent their collateral damage on child growth and development.

Walter A. Orenstein, MD, is being honored with the 2021 John P. Utz Leadership Award in recognition of his multiple NFID leadership roles, which have contributed to the growth and visibility of the organization, as well as his profound impact on immunization policy. As director of the National Immunization Program for the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, he oversaw efforts that led to record-high immunization coverage associated with record low vaccine-preventable disease.

We send our best wishes to everyone participating in this prestigious event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.