

August 1st Deadline for Lab of the Year Submissions

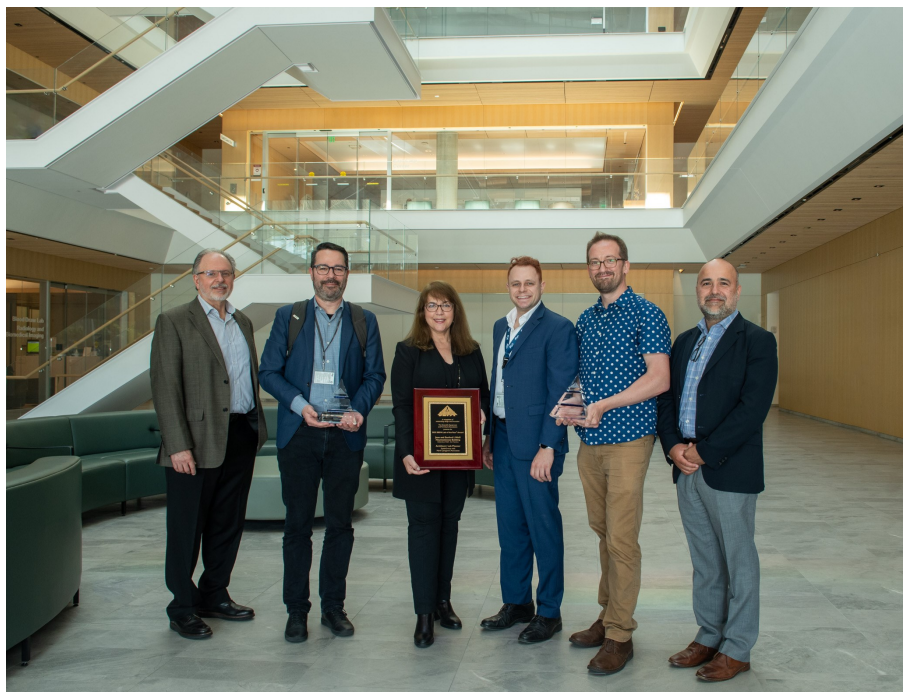
The deadline is less than two months away. If you were involved in a potential contender, we encourage you to have that project submitted by the August 1st deadline. Judges for this year's competition will be selected after the deadline in order to avoid any potential conflicts. The finalists will present their projects at our Annual Meeting on the morning of November 2nd and the winners will be announced immediately after those presentations.

34th Annual Meeting - Orlando, Florida - November 1-3, 2023

... and speaking of the Annual Meeting, attached is the Preliminary Agenda. We are already receiving overseas commitments to attend as requests for the necessary VISA invitation letters are coming in from our members. Our [reservation portal at the Omni Hotel](#) is open so it is not too early to make reservations. Based upon expected attendance we increased our room block by 40 additional rooms for this year's meeting.

2022 Lab of the Year Tour

On May 11th SEFA members joined the teams at Smith-Group, Mark Cavegnero & Associates and UC San Francisco for a two hour presentation and tour of the Weill Neurosciences Building. It is noteworthy that a pattern is developing where SEFA seems to be the first organization to recognize a building and then many other ancillary awards follow from there. We can thank all of our judges over the past three years for having the foresight to be the first to recognize these internationally acclaimed projects.



Vertical Exhausting Laminar Flow Standard Approved

The Board of Directors unanimously approved the Vertical Exhausting Laminar Flow standard at its May 5th Board Meeting. Congratulations to Co-Chairs Ken Dixon and Pete Daniele for their monumental effort in finalizing this new standard. We would also like to thank Paul Lemestre, PE, LEED AP, of Cleanroom Engineering Design who provided invaluable assistance to Ken and Pete. The Standard can be downloaded (at no charge) from the home page at sefalabs.com.

2023 Lab Furniture and Enclosures Report

We now have, for the very first time, a Chinese version of the 2023 Report (see attached). I am still struck by the overall increase in global demand for lab furniture and enclosures based upon a comparison with our 2020 Report. Global sales are expected to increase by almost \$700 million in 2024 compared to the 2020 estimates and CAGR is estimated to increase by more than 50% from the 2020 estimates. Historic figures in any industry!

Hopefully all of these updates will bring you swiftly to your personal finish line so you can enjoy your summer festivities.