

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## 2010 Histotechnologist of the Decade

\$2500 Award sponsored by Leica Biosystems Richmond  
Presented by: Mr. Tom O'Brien

The histotechnologist of the year has been awarded 3 previous times.

1980 – Dezna Sheehan

1990 – Lee Luna

2000 – Frieda Carson.

To histotechnologists that embody the spirit of histology and have devoted their career to enhancing our profession.

2010 Award Winner – Charles Churukian, BA, HT (ASCP) HTL  
University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY

Consultant with the Biological Stain Commission

His "Manual of the Special Stains Laboratory" developed in 1977 and regularly updated, available online since 2009

Well known as one of the pioneers of using microwave heating to accelerate staining methods.

Numerous publications and presentations to his credit

Served on the editorial board of the JOH

NSH Histotechnologist of the Year in 2004

From Charles's letters of recommendations:

Chuck is a world expert on the theoretical and practical aspects of special stains and has trained a generation of technologists and pathologists on the proper application of histochemical staining in diagnostic pathology. He has spread his knowledge worldwide through the publication of his "Manual of the Special Stains Laboratory"

He is a very young octogenarian and continues to work in a field that he loves. He is a superior teacher and mentor.

Charles has devoted his career looking for ways to modify the art of special stains for the benefit of patient care.

Strong Fast Stain method was developed by Charles Churukian, who has extensive experience in laboratory pathology. The Strong Fast Stain only takes a few seconds and shows superior tissue architecture and cellular detail compared with the nuclear fast red counterstain.



Charles Churukian, Histotechnologist of the Decade  
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