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The Milton Silverman Award

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Dr Milton Silverman of Menlo Park, California, the author of a series of distinguished and influential books on health and medicines policies, celebrated his 80th birthday on February 1st 1990. Best known for his studies of drug commercialization in the third world, Dr Silverman's books extend as far back as 1941 when he published "Magic in a Bottle". In later years much of his investigative travel and writing has been undertaken with his wife, Mia Leydecker. His work has often been highly critical, but he has won universal respect for his honest, lucid and documented analyses.

To mark Dr Silverman's services both to safety in medicine and to medical writing, the Editors of the *International Journal of Risk and Safety in Medicine* have with the support of Elsevier Science Publishers and the Side Effects of Drugs Research Fund instituted:

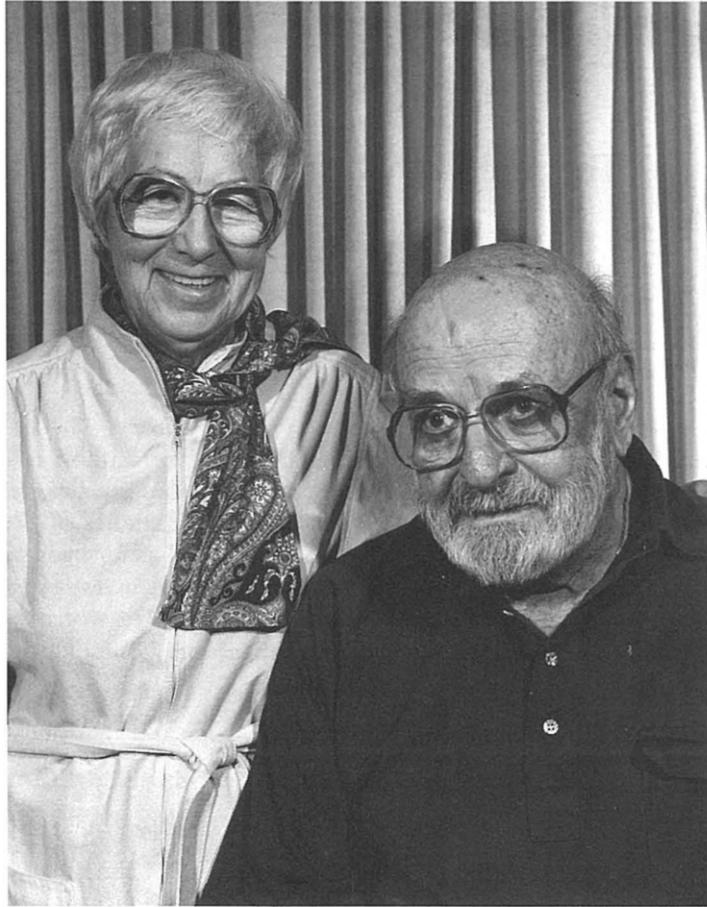
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The award will be made periodically – in the first instance for 1990 – to the author of the best paper in the English language contributing to the promotion of safety and the reduction of risk in the practice of medicine and health care. The 1990 award will be to the value of US\$ 2500.

Papers eligible for the award may comprise original research, hypotheses, or constructive reviews, and may have been written either for a scientific or a lay audience. In judging entries, particular account will be taken of the potential importance of the paper in advancing patient safety in the field with which it deals, but also of the quality of the writing and presentation.

Authors may be of any nationality or profession but they should not have passed the age of 35 at the time the manuscript is submitted; if a paper has more than one author, each author should be eligible.

Papers may have been published in (or submitted to) the *International Journal of Risk and Safety in Medicine*, they may be unpublished, or they may during the period for which the award is made have appeared elsewhere; in the latter case,



copyright of the paper should lie with the author, so that the winning entry can appear in the *Journal*.

Judging will be by an international jury, under the chairmanship of Dr Philip R. Lee, Professor of Social Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco.

Entries for the 1990 award should be submitted so as to reach the Editors of the *International Journal of Risk and Safety in Medicine*, c/o Elsevier Science Publishers, P.O. Box 1527, 1000 BM Amsterdam, the Netherlands before December 15th 1990. Authors should provide a declaration of their eligibility and indicate clearly whether their submission is solely for purposes of the award or whether they wish their paper to be considered at the same time for publication in the *Journal*.