



Ed Yong Receives 2018 Distinguished Service Award from Biology Teachers



Warrenton, VA - The National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) is proud to announce that Mr. Ed Yong, award-winning science journalist and best-selling author of "I Contain Multitudes" has been named the recipient of the 2018 *Distinguished Service Award for Enhancing Education through Biological Research*.

"Mr. Ed Yong is a consummate science journalist. His articles, blogs, interviews, and videos have made biology accessible to educators and to the general public. His work of promoting science has helped us all comprehend and appreciate biology at deeper levels. I cannot think of a more worthy individual to receive the NABT Distinguished Service Award," said Dr. Elizabeth Cowles, president of NABT.

The *NABT Distinguished Service Award* was established in 1988 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the association and recognizes

individuals who have made significant contributions to biology education through their research, writing, and teaching. Notable recipients include Lynn Margulis, Stephen Jay Gould, Francis Collins, E.O. Wilson, Sean Carroll, Neil Shubin, Rita Colwell, Carl Zimmer, and Temple Grandin.

"I've always felt and said that science teachers perform heroic work, and it is a genuine honor to be able to contribute to that work in some way," wrote Ed.

Ed Yong reports for *The Atlantic* and is based in Washington DC. His work appears several times a week on *The Atlantic's* website, and has also been featured in *National Geographic*, the *New Yorker*, *Wired*, *Nature*, *New Scientist*, *Scientific American*, and many other publications. His TED talk on mind-controlling parasites has been watched by over 1.7 million people.

"I Contain Multitudes: The Microbes Within Us and a Grand View of Life," is Ed's first book and became a *New York Times* bestseller. It has also inspired a popular online film series, an anthology of plays, and a clue on Jeopardy!

Ed's work has garnered a variety of awards, including the *Michael E. DeBakey Journalism Award* for biomedical reporting in 2016, the *Byron H. Waksman Award for Excellence in the Public Communication of Life Sciences* in 2016, and the *National Academies Keck Science Communication Award* in 2010 for his blog, "Not Exactly Rocket Science."

The NABT Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Mr. Ed Yong at the 2018 NABT Professional Development Conference in San Diego, California. After the award presentation, Ed will be the closing general session speaker on Saturday, November 10th at 4:00 PM Pacific.

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About NABT: Since being established in 1938, the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) has been the recognized "leader in life science education." Thousands of educators have joined NABT to share experiences and expertise with colleagues from around the globe; keep up with trends and developments in the field; and grow professionally. For more information about NABT, please visit www.nabt.org.

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