

Summary of Advances

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Revised Process Was Used to Develop 2016 IACC Summary of Advances



- Annual publication – required by CARES Act
- Lay-friendly summaries of the 20 most significant advances in ASD biomedical and services research, as selected by the IACC
- Covers articles aligning with all seven Strategic Plan Question areas

<https://iacc.hhs.gov/publications/summary-of-advances/2016/>

Summary of Advances Process

- **Was revised to issue requests for nominations throughout the year instead of once a year.**
- **Required submission of justification with each nomination.**
- **Nominations discussed at each meeting.**
- **Some nominations eliminated to narrow the items to be included on the ballot.**

OARC used a survey to gather feedback from the IACC about your experience with this process to help with any needed improvements for 2017.

Results of Survey on 2016 Summary of Advances Process

	YES	NO
1. Were you satisfied with the IACC Summary of Advances nomination and voting process in 2016?	10	1
2. Do you feel that there was adequate communication from OARC to IACC members regarding the 2016 IACC Summary of Advances process?	11	0
3. Do you feel that you had an adequate opportunity to nominate articles and express your viewpoints on articles nominated by others for the 2016 Summary of Advances?	11	0
4. Do you feel that the list of nominated articles that appeared on the voting ballot are of sufficient scientific quality and represent appropriately significant advances in the field?	10	1
5. Do you feel that your interests and perspectives are adequately represented in the final 2016 Summary of Advances article selections?	10	1
6. Are you in favor of using the same Summary of Advances nomination and voting process in 2017?	10	1

Summary of Advances Process

- **Monthly solicitation is sent from OARC to collect nominated advances from IACC members**
 - Not many responses received - continue the frequency of the email?
 - Often do not receive justifications - continue justification requirement?
- **Advances are compiled quarterly for discussion at IACC meetings**
 - Conduct vetting more thoroughly during each meeting
- **Final nomination list will be sent out to IACC in January for voting by email ballot**
- **Votes will be counted and tiebreaker will be conducted if necessary**
- **Lay-friendly summaries of top 20 selections will be prepared and circulated to IACC**
- **Publication will be finalized and released in April**