Novim is pleased to announce the 2018 inaugural recipients of its Science for Society Awards. Established in 2008, Novim is known for bringing science into the discussion of controversial subjects, without advocacy.

Alexandra Jane Noble, long-time *Christian Science Monitor* reporter and friend of Novim Group, bequeathed the initial program, to be called the *Epiphany Awards*. These awards given at Stanford University will honor efforts to communicate complex topics in innovative, engaging ways to stimulate a better understanding of scientific issues in the general populace, particularly among young adults and policy makers.

The awards are given in 4 categories:

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**The 2018 Epiphany Science Inspiration Award**

Maria M. Klawe, PhD is the president of Harvey Mudd College (its first female president), and served as dean of engineering and professor of computer science at Princeton University.

Dr. Klawe is a renowned lecturer at international conferences, national symposia, and colleges across the U.S. and Canada discussing diversity in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines in STEM industry and education.

She is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a Mathematical Sciences Research Institute trustee, a past president of Association for Computing Machinery, recipient of the 2014 Women of Vision ABIE award, and the Carnegie Institute's 2017 Academic Leadership Award.

Long passionate about improving K-12 science and mathematics education, Dr. Klawe serves on several boards, including Math for America.

During Dr. Klawe’s tenure as president of Harvey Mudd, the computer science department has increased its percentage of female graduates from 10% in 2006 to over 50% in 2018.
The 2018 Epiphany Science Courage Award

John P.A. Ioannidis, MD, DSc, holds the C.F. Rehnborg chair in Disease Prevention at Stanford University.

Dr. Ioannidis, is professor of medicine; professor of health research and policy; professor (by courtesy) of biomedical data science and of statistics; and co-director, Meta-Research Innovation Center at Stanford.

Dr. Ioannidis is internationally recognized as a leader in assessing biases, replication, and reliability in research findings in biomedicine and beyond. His PLOS Medicine paper, “Why Most Published Research Findings are False,” has been the most-accessed article in the history of Public Library of Science (over 2.5 million hits).

The 2018 Epiphany Science Awareness Award

Mr. Alan Alda, cofounder and advisory board member of Stony Brook University's Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science.

After serving fourteen years as the host of Scientific American Frontiers, a television show that explored cutting-edge advances in science and technology, Alan Alda chose to use his expertise in acting and communication to help scientists communicate more effectively to the public, policymakers, students, funders, and the media.

Since 2009, the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science has trained over 11,000 doctors and scientists to be world-class communicators.
The 2018 Epiphany Science and Society Award

Byron Reeves, PhD is the Paul C. Edwards professor in the Department of Communication at Stanford University, a professor (by courtesy) in the Stanford Graduate School of Education, and a fellow in the Precourt Institute for Energy.

He has been director of the Center for the Study of Language and Information, and co-director of the H-STAR Institute (Human Sciences and Technologies Advanced Research) at Stanford.

Dr. Reeves is the founding faculty Director of Stanford’s MediaX, a university-industry partnership program launched in 2001 to facilitate discussion and research at the intersection of academic and applied interests. Hosting over 100 industry and government partners, MediaX has fueled numerous Stanford faculty in diverse areas of science research combined with law, humanities, medicine, and social sciences.

The 2018 Epiphany Awards Ceremony

The 2018 Novim Epiphany Awards ceremony will be held on the evening of Monday, May 7, in the Stanford Football Stadium press box, and feted at the annual MediaX dinner for faculty, distinguished visiting scholars and MediaX sponsors and clients that evening.