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Jenepher Martin Surgical Education Research Prize

1. Purpose and scope

- 1.1. This document outlines the policy for the awarding of the Jenepher Martin Surgical Education Research Prize.

2. Definitions

- 2.1. **Academy of Surgical Educators** includes Fellows, Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs) and Trainees and others who are educators at various levels who have a keen interest in facilitating learning and teaching and a commitment to surgical education.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Jenepher Martin Surgical Education Research Prize is awarded for the best research paper presented during the Surgical Education program at the Annual Scientific Congress (ASC).
- 3.2. The purpose of the prize is to encourage surgical education research in the Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand context by RACS Fellows, Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs) and Trainees.
- 3.3. The Jenepher Martin Surgical Education Research Prize has been supported financially by Associate Professor Jenepher Martin FRACS since 1999.
- 3.4. The Professional Development Committee has oversight of the administration of the Jenepher Martin Surgical Education Research Prize.

4. Eligibility Criteria

- 4.1. The prize is open to all RACS Fellows who present research papers in the Surgical Education stream at the ASC. This prize is also open to Trainees, Specialist International Medical Graduates, researchers, junior doctors and medical students. However, they would require a RACS Fellow as a co-investigator in their research. RACS staff that are not RACS Fellows are not eligible for this prize.

5. Selection Criteria

- 5.1. Authors must indicate if they want to have their presentations considered for the prize when they submit their abstract.
- 5.2. Presentations are scored using the following criteria:

- a. Abstract quality (20%)
 - b. Research merit (40%)
 - c. Quality of presentation (40%)
- 5.3. The Professional Development Committee and the benefactor may, from time to time, review the eligibility criteria and selection process of the prize and make changes which will be included as an amendment to this policy.

6. Selection Process

- 6.1. The Professional Development Committee has oversight for the entry arrangements, eligibility of entrants, judging and awarding of the Jenepher Martin Surgical Education Research Prize.
- 6.2. The Surgical Education Convener of each Annual Scientific Congress will appoint a panel of three judges to select the winner of the Jenepher Martin Surgical Education Research Prize. The judging panel should have expertise in surgical education.
- 6.3. The judges will use the scoring criteria (outlined in the selection criteria) to assess all papers entered in the Prize to choose the winning presentation/s.
- 6.4. In the event of a tied decision, the panel may decide not to award the Prize or decide to divide the Prize money equally between the finalists. The panel may choose not to award the Prize, if, in their opinion, no presentation is of sufficient standard.
- 6.5. The winner/s will be announced after all eligible papers have been presented to the panel of judges and the judges have met to consider their decision.
- 6.6. The Prize will be acknowledged in Surgical News and the winner/s requested to write a brief article on the topic of the winning presentation/s to accompany the announcement.

7. Value of the Prize

- 7.1. The Jenepher Martin Surgical Education Research Prize will take the form of a monetary prize of \$1,000, a certificate and a letter of congratulations from the Chair of Professional Development Committee. The certificate will be prepared by the Professional Development team in consultation with the Professional Development Committee.
- 7.2. The Professional Development Committee may review the value of the prize each year and, at its discretion, may elect to increase the value of the prize or offer a special prize in any given year, subject to the availability of adequate funds within the prize fund.
- 7.3. The value of the award/s in any given year must not diminish the corpus of the prize fund to less than the value of the donation provided to establish the prize.

8. Financial Arrangements

- 8.1. The Professional Development team, in conjunction with the RACS Finance team and the Professional Development Committee will administer the financial aspects of the Jenepher Martin Surgical Education Research Prize as a corpus.

- 8.2. The Finance team, as part of its joint financial administration of the Jenepher Martin Surgical Education Research Prize, will prepare a financial report disclosing the balance of funds held and associated revenue and expenditure items on a half yearly basis.

9. Frequency of the Prize

- 9.1. The Jenepher Martin Surgical Education Research Prize will be awarded annually. The Professional Development Committee reserves the right to withhold awarding of the prize if there is no suitable applicant in an individual year.

10. Presentation of the Prize

- 10.1. Information about the awarding of the Jenepher Martin Surgical Education Research Prize, including details of the winning presentation/s will be made available on the RACS website, in Surgical News and other avenues as appropriate.
- 10.2. The name of the winner and title of presentation, once known, will be forwarded to the benefactor (or her family)

11. Acknowledgements

- 11.1. The Academy of Surgical Educators are to be acknowledged in any relevant correspondence, public announcement, advertising or other material relating to the Jenepher Martin Surgical Education Research Prize.

12. Communication

- 12.1. The application process for the Jenepher Martin Surgical Education Research Prize will be advertised on the RACS website and in Surgical News.
- 12.2. Changes to this policy can only be made by collaboration between the Professional Development Committee and the benefactor (or her family) and will be notified through:
 - a. The RACS website.
 - b. The RACS Education Committee minutes of the next meeting held following the acceptance of policy changes by the Professional Development Committee.
 - c. By letter to the Chair, ASC Planning and Review Committee with a copy to the ASC coordinator.

13. Associated documents

- 13.1. Policies

Professional Development Committee Terms of Reference
ASC Scientific Program and Executive Committees and Regional Offices
Surgical News Policy
Surgeons and Trainees Interactions with the Medical Industry Guidelines

14. Information

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