

Division	Fellowship Engagement	Ref. No.	POL-3074
Department	WA Regional Office		
Title	Gordon Baron Hay Medal		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The policy details the awarding of the Gordon Baron-Hay Medal.

2. KEYWORDS

Gordon Baron-Hay Medal, Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM)

3. BODY OF POLICY

The Gordon Baron-Hay Medal is presented during the WA RACS Registrars Papers Day held at the College in WA. The recipient receives an engraved medal with the winning year of presentation and prize money.

A Call for Abstracts is sent to all WA Trainees from the nine surgical specialities to present a paper at the RACS Registrars Papers Day, held 2-3 weeks prior to the WA/SA/NT Annual Scientific Meeting. The winner will receive an invitation to present their paper at the ASM of which the prize money contributes to their costs.

3.1. Background

The Gordon Baron-Hay Medal was first proposed by the State Committee in 2010 replacing the longstanding RACS Registrars Papers Day Award. Professor Gordon Baron-Hay, was a well known and highly respected Paediatric Surgeon, who was dedicated in the training of surgeons in Western Australia. Professor Baron-Hay was Chair of the WA State Committee from 1993-1995 and was a committed committee member for 9 years.

3.2. Eligibility

The medal is awarded to the best paper presented by a SET Trainee, IMG or Service Registrar who are eligible based on clinical material submitted to the convener.

The applicant must have performed the work that forms the basis of the paper.

3.3. Objectives and criteria

3.3.1 A convener is appointed by the West Australian Regional Committee and a date is set in July. Two adjudicators are appointed by the convener on the day of presentation.

3.3.2 Each paper is rated on the following:

- Presentation skills
- Illustrations
- Research Content
- Clinical Relevance
- Questions

3.3.3 A unanimous decision is to be reached for the medal to be awarded.

3.3.4 The award will be made only if a presented paper is of a standard worthy of the medal.

3.3.5 The winner is announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

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