

Division:	Office of the CEO	Ref. No.	POL-1062
Department:	President & Council Support		
Title:	Barbara and John Heslop Medal		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy details the awarding of the Barbara and John Heslop Medal (“the Heslop Medal”). It covers the application and selection criteria as well as the value, frequency and conditions of the Award.

2. KEYWORDS

Heslop Medal, Awards Committee

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Background

Approved by Council in June 2004, the Heslop Medal is a Distinguished Award commemorating the work of Barbara Heslop FRACS and John Heslop FRACS, a former Councillor of RACS. It recognises and rewards the contributions of members of the Clinical, Pathology, Physiology and Anatomy subcommittees of the Surgical Science and Clinical Examinations Committee. Many members of those subcommittees are not Fellows of RACS.

Pathologist-immunologist Barbara Heslop (1925–2013) was involved with the then Board of Basic Surgical Training and its predecessor bodies over a period of some thirty years. Barbara Heslop was honoured in 1975 by election to Fellowship of RACS for services to surgical science.

John Heslop (1925–2014) had a similar involvement with the then Board of Basic Surgical Training as his wife Barbara. He was associated with the University of Otago Medical School’s Department of Surgery in various roles over a number of years in addition to being in private surgical practice in Dunedin.

In 1990 Barbara and John were jointly awarded by RACS the Louis Barnett Medal and both were supporters and advocates of the Dunedin Basic Medical Science course from 1957.

3.2. Presentation and Frequency

3.2.1. The medal is presented by the President (or delegate) at the time of a state or Aotearoa New Zealand Scientific Meeting.

3.2.2. The Heslop Medal can be awarded annually if a suitable recipient is nominated.

3.3. Criteria for Nomination

3.3.1. The Heslop Medal is awarded to a person who has made a long-term (greater than 5 year’s duration) and outstanding contribution to the Surgical Science and Clinical Examinations (SSE & CE) Committee and its subcommittees.

3.3.2. Nomination of a candidate for the award may be made by a Fellow, Trainee, SIMG or a member of the SSE & CE Committee or its subcommittees. The nomination will be supported by a citation from the nominator/s. The citation should adequately demonstrate the suitability of the nominee for the award by addressing the criteria outlined.

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3.4. Selection of Nominee

- 3.4.1. Nominations for the award of the Heslop Medal are considered by a selection subcommittee of the SSE & CE Committee, consisting of:
- Chair of the SSE & CE Committee (who chairs the sub-committee)
 - Deputy Chair of the SSE & CE Committee
 - Chair, Committee of Surgical Education and Training
- 3.4.2. To avoid a conflict of interest a member specified in 3.4.1 cannot participate in the award selection process if the subcommittee is to consider a nomination made by or of them. If a subcommittee member is conflicted, or is unavailable for any other reason, they will be replaced by an alternate member.
- 3.4.3. Alternate members for the selection subcommittee are:
- Other members of the SSE & CE Committee for the Chair and Deputy Chair
 - Chair, Prevocational Skills and Education Committee or Chair, Court of Examiners for the Chair, Committee of Surgical Education Training (CSET)
- 3.4.4. The selected nominee for the award and supporting information is submitted by the Chair of the Selection sub-committee (usually the SSE & CE Committee Chair) to the College Awards Committee at least four (4) weeks prior to an Awards Committee meeting for approval and recommendation to Council.

3.5. The Award

The award is comprised of a bronze medal and recipients are listed in the Distinguished Award Recipients section of the RACS website.

3.6. Financial implications for recipient of the Award

Expenses incurred in receiving the award are not reimbursed but award recipients receive complimentary registration to the event at which the award is presented.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

No associated documents

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