The ASME Gold Medal 2012

The ASME Gold Medal was established to recognise outstanding contribution to medical education as a whole. Initially awarded for a period of 5 years as The Richard Farrow Gold Medal, in memory of his contribution to ASME and his untimely death in 2004, it has been renamed the ASME Gold Medal as the 5 year period ends with the presentation in 2011. Previous recipients of the award include Professor John Simpson, The University of Aberdeen, Professor Cees van der Vleuten, The University of Maastricht, Professor Ronald Harden, The University of Dundee/AMEE and Dr John Norcini, President of FAIMER, Philadelphia, USA.

Goals of ASME

1. Promote high quality research into medical education.
2. Provide opportunities for developing medical excellence.
3. Disseminate good educational practice based on research evidence.
4. Inform Government and other organisations on medical education.
5. Develop relationships with other organisations and groups involved in health care education.

Criteria for the Award

Individuals who have made outstanding contributions to one or more of the goals of the Association will be eligible. There are no age, nationality, professional, occupational or other barriers to being considered for the award. Preference will be given to individuals who remain active in their field. The award thereby is intended to be forward looking as well as valuing past achievements.

Nominations

Nominations for the award are now invited from all Members of ASME. In particular, Institutional Members of the Association are encouraged to exercise their right to nominate for this award.

Nominations will require the consent of the nominees, demonstrated by their signature as well as that of the proposer.

Selection

Valid nominations will be scrutinised by the Executive Committee of ASME. Scoring of achievement against criteria will be used as a guide in reaching a decision. This is to ensure that nominees who have made outstanding contributions in only one or two of the five categories are not overlooked. The decision as to the recipient of the award will be made by the Executive Committee.

Although the intention is to award the Gold Medal annually, the Executive Committee is not obliged to make an award if it is felt that there is no nominee who is considered worthy of the premier award of the Association. The recipient of the award will also benefit from life-time honorary membership of the Association.

We look forward to receiving nominations. The deadline for nominations is Friday 7th October 2011. Nominations may be emailed to Jenny Ogg, Senior Administrator, (jenny@asme.org.uk) or posted to ASME, 12 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1JE, UK.