1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy governs the awarding of an ESR Hughes Award. It covers the selection criteria as well as the conditions and nomination for the Award.

2. KEYWORDS

Awards Committee, Awards, ESR Hughes Award, Annual Scientific Congress

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Background

3.1.1. Inaugurated in 1998, the ESR Hughes Award was created in recognition of the outstanding contributions to surgery by Sir Edward Hughes

3.1.2. Sir Edward (Bill) Hughes CBE was President of the College 1975-1978. He was a world renowned colorectal surgeon. He studied at Melbourne University and went to London to further his studies at St Mark’s Hospital in 1948. On his return to Melbourne he worked at the Royal Children’s Hospital and the Royal Melbourne Hospital. He became Censor-in-Chief in 1972, and set about a major restructure of the College’s teaching programs. He took a leading role in establishing links between the College and surgeons in South-East Asia. During his term as Censor-in-chief the various specialties which we know today began to emerge. He was the foundation Professor of Surgery at Monash University.

3.1.3. The award is to recognise distinguished contributions to surgery by Fellows of the College and others.

3.2. Presentation

The award is normally presented at the Annual Scientific Congress (ASC).

3.3. Criteria for Award

The sole criterion for the ESR Hughes Award shall be distinguished contributions to surgery.

3.4. Nominations

3.4.1. A nomination for the ESR Hughes Award shall be made in confidence in writing to the Chairman of the Awards Committee by at least two Fellows of RACS at least six (6) weeks prior to the Awards Committee meeting and contain biographical details, information on appointments, membership of learned societies (and office held), and a list of publications or a CV. Each nomination requires the nominator to substantiate the recommendation with a demonstrable reason for the nomination for the award. Nominations without this additional background information will be returned to the nominator for further documentation.

3.4.2. After approval by the Awards Committee, the name of the recommended nominee will be presented to Council for final approval.

3.5. The Award

The Award, which consists of a medal bearing on its obverse a representation of the Coat of Arms of the College.

3.6. Financial implications for recipient of the Award

As this award is normally presented at the ASC it is important to note that:
3.6.1. Travel and accommodation are not provided by the College and costs will not be paid or reimbursed by the College.

3.6.2. If being presented at the ASC registration and banquet costs for the recipient and partner will be paid by the College for the ASC at which the presentation is made.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

No associated documents

Approver: CEO
Authoriser: Council