

AAGBI support for higher award applicants

Time to act!

The AAGBI is recognised by the Advisory Committee for Clinical Excellence Awards (ACCEA) as one of the professional organisations that can nominate anaesthetists, intensivists and pain physicians for national Clinical Excellence Awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels), and can also support applications for higher awards in Scotland and Northern Ireland. The AAGBI has established an objective assessment and ranking process in accordance with strict ACCEA guidelines. The AAGBI will convene a group that will assess and rank the submissions for each award level. The group will include senior national award holders, local award holders and lay representation. The ranked list of nominations will be formally submitted to the ACCEA or equivalent body for applicants from Scotland or Northern Ireland. Any anaesthetist wishing support from the AAGBI should follow the instructions and timetables below.

England and Wales

ACCEA - Clinical Excellence Awards

The 2009 National Clinical Excellence Awards round for England and Wales will close a month earlier this year at **5.00 pm on Friday 19th December 2008**. If you would like your application to be considered for support by the AAGBI, please email your completed and carefully checked application form to president@aagbi.org by **Thursday 16th October 2008**. Please note that the application and nomination process is conducted in line with regulations described in the ACCEA website (<http://www.advisorybodies.doh.gov.uk/accea>) - we recommend that you read the relevant guides published on the website before submitting an application form.

Scotland

SACDA - Scottish Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards.

The deadline dates for the 2009 SACDA round are not yet available but will be published on the SACDA website (www.sacda.scot.nhs.uk). If you would like your application to be considered for support by the Association in accordance with the relevant guidelines as published on the SACDA website, please email your completed and carefully checked application form to president@aagbi.org by **Friday 19th December 2008**.

Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Clinical Excellence Awards Scheme

After many years of significant under resourcing of CEAs, the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety in Northern Ireland (DHSSPSNI) recently announced a new funding structure for local CEAs (Steps 1 – 9) using a formula of 0.25 CEA points per eligible consultant to be distributed at local Trust level. Steps 10 – 12 will be determined at national level. Anaesthetists are actively encouraged to apply for all levels of awards now that ring-fenced funding has been injected into the scheme from 2008 onwards. The timetable was published on the website www.dhsspsni.gov.uk in August, with a deadline for applications forms of 26th September 2008 and supporting citations by 31st October 2008. If you have submitted an application and would like it to be considered for support by the AAGBI, please email a copy of the application form you submitted to president@aagbi.org to arrive by **Thursday October 16th**.



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General notes

Please be aware that your employing hospital or regional committee may have earlier deadline dates for the submission of your application form – we cannot emphasise too strongly the need to read and follow application instructions closely.

Further details about the schemes have been published in previous issues of Anaesthesia News, particularly August and September 2004, and a PowerPoint presentation, which has been updated for 2009, is available from the members' section of the AAGBI website (www.aagbi.org).

For those seeking guidance for future years, the AAGBI will continue to run ACCEA workshops the next being at WSM London 2009 (14th-19th January 2009) and Annual Congress Liverpool (23rd - 25th September 2009).

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