



THE ASSOCIATION OF ANAESTHETISTS
of Great Britain & Ireland

Clinical Excellence Awards 2010

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 2010 National Clinical Excellence Awards round for England and Wales will close this year at **5.00 pm on Friday 11th December 2009**. 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 midnight **Friday 16th October 2009**. 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 2010 SACDA round are **11th December 2009** for CVs on line and **29th January 2010** for citations. 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 18th December 2009**.

Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Clinical Excellence Committee (NICEAC) Higher Awards Scheme

The timetable on the website www.dhsspsni.gov.uk gave a deadline for CV application forms of **3rd July 2009**. Following this closing date the NICEAC secretariat will themselves seek citations from the relevant Royal Colleges or Specialty Associations and the AAGBI will respond to any such requests by the NICEAC secretariat by the closing date of **9th October 2009**.

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 and also the letter with CEA advice from David Nicholson (on ACCEA website, 19th June 2009). Further details about the schemes have been published in previous issues of Anaesthesia News, particularly August and September 2004, July 2009 and a PowerPoint presentation, which has been updated for 2010, 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 2010 (20th -22nd January 2010)** and **Annual Congress Harrogate (22nd – 24th September 2009)**.



Hon Secretary

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