

Association for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine

Trent, Northern and Yorkshire Region

Geoffrey Walker Award

Update of Regulations June 2010.

1. The Award shall be called the "Geoffrey Walker Award" in recognition of Dr Walker's contribution to Clinical Biochemistry in the Yorkshire-Trent Region, and in particular to Staff training.
2. It shall normally be an annual Award of a £100 book token and a bursary (up to a maximum of £1000) for attendance at a National or International meeting. An engraved award (paperweight or other) shall be given in permanent recognition of the winner's achievements.
Unsuccessful applicants who present a paper will receive a £50 book token.
The awards will be funded from Regional funds and will be reviewed by the Committee at appropriate intervals.
3. The Award will take the form of short oral papers with judging based on both content and presentation. Both clinical presentations and basic scientific work will be acceptable. Original work will only be accepted if performed during professional training; work performed for a degree before entry to the profession will not be accepted. Case reports will be accepted only as part of a presentation which includes original work such as the elucidation of a metabolic abnormality or the development or modification of a diagnostic test or treatment.
4. Judging will be undertaken by two Committee members and two other audience members nominated by the committee (Individuals will be excluded from judgements on specific presentations where a "personal interest" is involved).
5. The Award shall be open to any junior member (including BMS members) within the Trent, Northern and Yorkshire Region who at the time of her/his application for the Award is considered to be in active training.
Active training would usually be considered as working towards FRCPATH, exceptions to this will be considered by the committee if the sponsoring department considers the person a trainee.
Applicants must be members of the TNY ACB.
6. An award may be withheld in any one year where there are insufficient applicants, or where it is deemed that there is not one of sufficient quality to win the award.
7. In the event of there being too many applicants to be included within the set programme, those whose applications are received first will be given preference. The others will be considered for inclusion in the following year's programme unless the applicant wishes otherwise. (The "active training" rule will apply to the year of first application).
8. These rules may be amended by the Committee of the Trent, Northern and Yorkshire Region as is deemed appropriate

This update of the Regulations was approved at the Committee meeting on 28th June 2010