

Division:	Fellowship Engagement	Ref. No.	POL-3077
Department:	New Zealand Office		
Title:	Louis Barnett Prize		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy details the awarding of the Louis Barnett Prize.

2. KEYWORDS

Louis Barnett Prize, Award, Abstract.

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Background

This Prize was established by the New Zealand Committee of the College in 1962. It commemorates Sir Louis Barnett CMG, the first New Zealander to become President of this College.

Sir Louis was born in Wellington and was the first New Zealander to gain a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He returned to New Zealand to a lectureship at Otago Medical School and in 1909 was appointed professor of surgery at Otago. He was awarded the CMG for his services in WW1 and was knighted in 1927 after his retirement from the Chair of Surgery.

In the 1920s Sir Louis was instrumental in the formation of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (initially known as the College of Surgeons in Australasia) and in 1927, at the College's very first meeting which was held in Dunedin, he was elected the first Vice-President. He later became President of this College from 1937 – 1939.

Sir Louis was a pioneer in hydatid's research, continuing this work after his retirement from the Otago Medical School. He was influential in the establishment of the College's hydatid register and was also prominent in the British Empire Cancer Campaign. He endowed the Ralph Barnett Chair in Surgery at Otago Medical School, in memory of his son who was killed in WW1.

3.2. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants eligible for this award are:

- New Zealand based surgical trainees, in all nine specialities
- New Zealand Fellows under the age of 40 years (as at the closing date for entries)

3.3. Research Criteria

The research may have been undertaken:

- Within or outside New Zealand

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- Within or outside of a department of surgery
- Before or after commencement of surgical training

3.4. Abstracts

Up to 10 abstracts are selected for presentation by a panel appointed by the Organising Committee of the Annual Meeting.

3.5. Presentations

Papers are presented in a session at the College's NZ Annual Scientific Meeting. The paper must be presented in person by the applicant in order to be eligible for the award. The judging panel shall include a professor or associate professor of surgery and may or may not include any member of the abstract selection panel. The panel members are appointed by the Organising Committee of the Annual Meeting.

3.6. The Award

The award is NZD\$2,500 and a Certificate.

The Regional Office is responsible for budgeting for this amount each year.

3.7. Frequency of Award

The Louis Barnett Prize may be awarded at each New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting.

No award will be made if, in the opinion of the adjudicators, no paper is of sufficient merit.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Louis Barnett Prize Procedure.

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