1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy governs the awarding of the Tasmanian Regional Committee Graeme Duffy Memorial Prize. It covers the application and selection criteria as well as the duration, value, frequency and conditions of the Award.

2. KEYWORDS

Tasmanian Region, Award, Graeme Duffy, Prize.

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Background

This is a long standing award in recognition of the best paper presented at the Tasmanian Annual Scientific Meeting by a Registrar or intern.

This prize was first awarded in 1993 in honour of Graeme Duffy who was the first established neurosurgeon in Hobart and created a State Neurosurgical Service. He was appointed Hunterian Professor of the Royal College of Surgeons of England for his landmark paper on lumbar puncture.

3.2. Eligibility Criteria

The prize is open to all Trainees and Junior Doctors who present papers at the meeting.

3.3. Selection Criteria

The recipient of the prize will be determined by a panel of judges chosen by the Tasmanian Regional Committee to judge the papers being presented. The prize is awarded for the overall best presentation, papers being scored from 1 to 5 on each of the following criteria:

- Presentation skills
- Use of audio visual
- Research content
- Originality
- Clinical relevance

3.4. Value of the Prize

The Prize consists of a $300 gift voucher, an engraved RACS plaque and information regarding Graeme Duffy.

The regional office is responsible for budgeting for the prize each year and purchasing the RACS plaque.

3.5. Frequency of the Prize

The prize is awarded annually at the Annual Scientific Meeting.

The award will be made only if the presented paper is of a standard worthy of the prize. The winner is announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

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