

Call for Abstracts

LOUIS BARNETT PRIZE 2021

The Louis Barnett Prize, valued at \$2,500, is a research paper open to all

❖ New Zealand- based surgical Trainees

❖ New Zealand Fellows within five years of gaining their Fellowship as of 31 August 2021

Closing date for abstracts is Friday 30 July 2021

- The research may have been done within or outside New Zealand or within or outside a Department of Surgery or before or after commencement of surgical training.
- Only one abstract will be accepted per submitter.
- Abstracts will be subject to a blind evaluation by a panel of adjudicators who will select the best papers, up to a maximum of eight.
- Adjudication of the abstracts will take into account: complexity of the project, quality of the science, relevance of the project, clarity of the abstract and the amount of work by the submitter.
- Submitters of selected papers will be invited to present on **Friday 3 September 2021 at Surgery 2019: Reflecting on Practice, to be held at the Millennium Hotel, Queenstown.**
- Presentations are adjudicated by a panel that will include at least one Professor of Surgery.
- Adjudication of the presentations will take into account: introduction, method, clarity, audio-visual presentation and ability to defend the paper in discussion.
- Presentations will be for 8 minutes with up to 2 minutes for questions.
- No award will be made if, in the opinion of the adjudicators, no paper is of sufficient merit.

Abstract Instructions

All abstracts should be submitted electronically to the New Zealand office of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons at: college.nz@surgeons.org

Your covering email should contain a brief explanation of your involvement in the research project.

General specifications are:

- **Word document only.**
- **Length: 350 words or less**, excluding title, presenter(s) and department(s).
- Single spaced text with justified margins.
- Do not indent paragraphs.
- Abbreviations may be used but must be spelt out in full at the first mention followed by the abbreviation in parentheses.

Your abstract must contain the following:

- **Title:** brief but long enough to identify clearly the subject of the paper.
- **Authors / Presenter:** initial and then surname only. Presenter's name underlined.
- **Department and Institution** of all Authors / Presenter.
- The body of your abstract must include these headings in bold:
 - **Introduction** - including the study hypothesis
 - A sentence stating the **Purpose** of the study
 - A description of the **Methods**
 - Summary of **Results**
 - Statement of **Conclusions**. It is not satisfactory to state that results will be discussed, or data will be presented.
 - If references, a maximum of two.

The Louis Barnett Prize was established by the New Zealand Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 1962 and has been awarded over the years to many prestigious New Zealand surgeons. 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 first meeting which was held in Dunedin, he was elected the first Vice-President. He later became President of this College from 1937 – 1939.

A pioneer in hydatid's research, Sir Louis continued 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.

Sir Louis endowed the Ralph Barnett Chair in Surgery at Otago Medical School, in memory of his son who was killed in WW1.