

Terms of Reference for the WHL Annual Awards & Awards Committee

MISSION

- 1) To develop awards and to provide recognition to individuals, organizations and interventions that make tangible progress towards population prevention and control of hypertension.
- 2) To solicit and nominate to the WHL Executive potential recipients for awards

VISION

To raise the profile of and encourage the activities of individuals and organizations in preventing and controlling hypertension at a population level.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- 1) To promote the following Named Awards that recognize exceptional activities of individuals over a long time period (max one award per category per year):
 - Detlev Ganten Excellence Award in Hypertension and Global Health Implementation
 - Peter Sleight Excellence Award in Hypertension Clinical Research
 - Claude Lenfant Excellence Award in Population Hypertension Control
 - Liu Lisheng Excellence Award in Population Cardiovascular Risk Factor Control
 - Norman Campbell Excellence Award in Population Hypertension Prevention and Control
 - Daniel Lackland Excellence Award in Diplomacy/Advocacy for Population Hypertension Risk Reduction
 - Graham MacGregor Excellence Award in Dietary Salt Reduction at the Population Level
- 2) To develop Excellence awards that recognize exceptional activities of organizations or programs to promote the following categories over a long time period (max one award per category per year):
 - Hypertension Clinical Research
 - Population Cardiovascular Risk Factor Control
 - Population Hypertension Prevention and Control
 - Dietary Salt Reduction at the Population Level
- 3) To develop Notable Achievement awards for notable activities of individuals, organizations or programs to promote the following categories (can be multiple awardees a year).
 - Hypertension and Global Health Implementation
 - Hypertension Clinical Research
 - Population Hypertension Control
 - Population Cardiovascular Risk Factor Control
 - Population Hypertension Prevention and Control
 - Diplomacy/Advocacy for Population Hypertension Risk Reduction
 - Dietary Salt Reduction at the Population Level

4) To recognize individuals who made long term outstanding contributions towards the WHL (max one award a year).

REPORTING

The Awards Committee is an operational committee of the WHL reporting to the WHL Executive. The selection of those receiving the awards will be by the WHL Executive.

WORK PLAN

The Awards Committee will:

- 1) Develop terms of reference for the awards mentioned under 'Specific Objectives' above.
- 2) Consider developing other recognition awards that would facilitate the mandate of the WHL to prevent and control hypertension.
- 3) Develop a dissemination plan to encourage nominations for the awards.
- 4) Actively develop a list of nominees for the various awards for consideration by the WHL Executive.

TIMELINE

All nominations must be received by March 1. The Committee will report on the nominees to the WHL Executive by April 1. The award announcement will be made on World Hypertension Day each year and/or at the WHL Congress.

ELIGIBILITY

The named Excellence awards will be given on an annual basis, one awardee per year. If the Committee deems necessary, the following can apply:

- A nominee can be moved to a Notable Achievement award category
- A nominee can be moved to the following year for consideration
- Nominations for previous award winners are not normally received but might be considered if there is an outstanding independent case for that individual.
- A nominee cannot be self-nominated

HOW TO MAKE A NOMINATION

- To nominate an individual, the following information should be provided in writing, using the nomination form provided on the WHL website:
- Who is nominated
- For which award is the nomination
- Justification for nomination
- Name and affiliation of primary and secondary sponsors who are both WHL members
- Confirmation that the nominee has agreed to be nominated
- Supporting documentation demonstrating nominee's eligibility.
- A copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae submitted electronically
- All communication should be addressed to the Chair of the ISH Awards Committee.
Email: whleague17@gmail.com

MISCELLANEOUS

The Notable Achievement awards are intended for regional or national interventions at a population level (e.g. community, geographic region). Interventions at a clinic or hospital level would ordinarily not be eligible unless they were likely to impact broader population or a very large number of people.

To avoid any perception of potential conflict of interest no current member of the WHL Board or Executive or organization or program under their leadership is eligible for award or recognition. Where there is doubt, the appearance of conflict of interest will override providing the award.

Individuals, organizations, programs or interventions that are involved in producing, promoting or marketing tobacco or salt for consumption (outside of the recommended dietary salt intake promoted by the World Health Organization or the potential nominees' regional government) are not eligible for award or recognition.

Currently the Excellence and Notable Achievement awards will not have any monetary support, and the awardees are recognized with physical recognitions such as certificates and plaques. Awardees will be recognized in the WHL Newsletter and will be expected to contribute a short submission describing the specific award and their passion for global hypertension control. The awards should be given at major Meetings and Congress to showcase the achievements.

WHL AWARDS COMMITTEE 2023

The Awards Committee assists with the selection of awards to individuals, groups or institutions. This Committee is chaired by a member of the WHL Executive and has at least four other members from the WHL Board and may include a specially appointed former award winner). The Awards Committee will assess applications equally on their merits and eligibility.

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