

FACULTY AWARDS

The David Bromham Annual Memorial Award

David Bromham was the first Chairman of The Faculty of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care. Sadly, halfway through his second term of office he became ill, and in 1996 he died. His loss was tragic, not only for the Faculty, but for the family planning movement in Britain and worldwide. Whilst in Leeds he set up an assisted conception programme, which was and is one of the most successful in the world. In 1991 he set up a fertility control unit designed to provide a more accessible service for the termination of pregnancy. He also carried out an extensive programme of research and was closely involved with the *British Journal of Family Planning* (now the *Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care*).

The Award is not intended to be a prize for a long and distinguished service, rather for a piece of work which through inspiration, innovation or energy has furthered the practice of family planning and reproductive health care in any way and any setting. *It is not a research grant.* Younger health professionals sometimes undervalue their achievements but they are exactly the people that David Bromham would have wished to see encouraged as this award now acknowledges.

The award will be made either to an individual (who must be a current Diplomate, Member or Fellow of the Faculty) or to a team, which could be multidisciplinary. In the latter case, the lead doctor should be a current member of the Faculty. You may nominate yourself or your team or be nominated by someone else.

Nomination is by completion of a form that can be downloaded from the Faculty website at www.ffprhc.org.uk. Completed submissions must be received at the Faculty office by 7 April annually.

International Travelling Scholarship of the Faculty

The Faculty of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care has decided to offer a scholarship for those Faculty members who are interested in going abroad to visit international colleagues, services, research or educational establishments in order to learn about some aspect of family planning or reproductive health care. The award will be for a maximum of £2000 for five consecutive years. The recipient of the award will be required to give a presentation at a Faculty conference.

The Faculty Officers will consider applications and make a recommendation to Faculty Council.

Applications should include the following details: country and establishment(s) to be visited, aims of visit, details of visit and benefits, together with a brief curriculum vitae and full contact details.

Enquiries about the scholarship and submissions should be emailed to: fulden@ffprhc.org.uk. Entries should be submitted by 7 April annually to: International Travelling Scholarship, Faculty of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care of the RCOG, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RG, UK.

The 4-0-8 Sheffield Fund

In 2001, the 4-0-8 Young People's Consultation Centre Ltd, Sheffield made a significant donation to the Faculty for the purpose of funding training for health care professionals who have limited funding for attending training meetings. Any person working in the field of reproductive and sexual health care within the UK may apply. Approximately £1000 will be allocated every 3 months, either as a single award or divided between the successful applicants.

For details on how to apply, visit the Faculty website at www.ffprhc.org.uk. Closing dates for applications are available from the Education Committee Secretary on 020 7724 5620.

Margaret Jackson Prize Essay

The Faculty will award three prizes annually in memory of Dr Margaret Jackson, a distinguished pioneer in the field of family planning. These prizes are awarded to undergraduates who write the three best essays on a topic related to reproductive health care or fertility control. The first prize is £300, with £100 each for the two runners-up. Entries should not exceed 3000 words.

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