Protocol for the issuing of the Lind Medal through the Royal Society of Medicine
Military Medicine Section Council
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Introduction

The recognition of personnel through Awards supports the moral component of the development of medical capability both on deployments and within their work in the United Kingdom. The Defence Medical Services demands much from both its staff and the many personnel who contribute to their work from collaborative organisations; in return The Military Medicine Section of The Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) seeks to publicly recognise those who make a contribution that goes beyond the normal requirements of their duties / job description.

Description of the Lind Medal

The Lind Medal is a prestigious award, only the most worthy and deserving candidates should be nominated. The award stems from James Lind, who devoted 25 years of his career to military medicine and carried out one of the first randomised trials in his treatment for scurvy. The award is designed to acknowledge an individual that has demonstrated a sustained and positive impact on the delivery of medical care in areas of armed conflict, whether that be through operations or in the UK, development of training programmes or research.

Timescales

The deadline for submission of the Lind Medal is 20 September every alternate year\(^1\). Calling notices will be issued by The Military Medicine Section Council of the RSM to all RSM Military Medicine Section members. Nominations received by the Council after the specified deadlines will be carried forward to the next iteration of submissions.

The criteria for the award is as follows:

1. The person may be serving, retired or civilian. They can be of any rank or position within the medical profession: medical officer, nurse, medical support officer, allied health professional, medic or supporting staff.

2. Nominations may be made by any individual from within\(^2\) or outside the Defence Medical Services.

3. The Lind Medal will be presented every 2 years.

4. The Recipient will be invited to deliver a presentation at the Annual Medical Research Meeting held in December. If the delivery of a presentation is not appropriate, the citation will be read out to the meeting by the President/Nominator.

\(^1\) 2015, 2017, 2019, etc, etc.

\(^2\) There is no requirement for chain of command involvement for regular or reserve personnel.
5. The medal will be presented following the presentation/citation reading.

6. The Lind Medal will be engraved with the recipient’s name and date of the award.

Submission Criteria

A short paragraph with a brief summary of the candidate’s achievements pertinent to the award should be submitted to the RSM Military Medical Section Council for consideration before the closing date promulgated in the calling notice. Recommendations for nominations are to be submitted under the following headings:

- Details of the Nominee: Name, Rank (if serving)
- Current position
- A brief resume of their career
- Citation as to why the Lind Medal should be presented to the individual.
- Full Details of the person submitting the nomination including contact details.

The RSM Military Medicine Section Council will select a shortlist of finalists and approach the original nominators for a more detailed citation, from which the winner will be selected.

Submission Requirements

In order to ensure the timely submission, citations should be submitted by email to the President of the RSM Military Medicine Section Council via military.medicine@rsm.ac.uk.

Written submissions may be sent to:

The President
The Military Medicine Section
The Royal Society of Medicine
One Wimpole Street
LONDON
W1G 0AE

All correspondence will be treated as confidential until announced by the RSM or by directed letter.

Accuracy

Problems with accuracy and presentation of submissions are commonplace. Accuracy is essential when submitting a nomination; any discrepancies will result in the submission being returned to the originator and may result in a delay processing the submission. The initiating individual is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the content of the recommendations they have initiated/signed.
Summary

It is essential that guidance is adhered to when submitting a nomination. The key is attention to detail, remembering that all successful nominations will be read by the Surgeon General and the President of the Military Medicine Section of the Royal Society of Medicine.

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